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GERMAN CONCENTRATIONS AT SOFIA BOMBED BY THE R.A.F.

GERMAN THRUST AT BELLES

Parachutists and propaganda leaflets were dropped in Macedonia on Sunday, stated the official Greek spokesman in Athens last night.

A number of parachutists, he said, had been captured.

Leaflets dropped by Nazi pilots professed German friendship for the Greek people, "whom they wished to preserve from the horrors of war."

The Greek spokesman added: "The main German thrust is at Belles and along the Struma Valley, but all along the frontier, from Belles, their divisions, stabbed us in the back while our army was confronting another aggressor."

"Using every modern mechanical weapon of war, however, they did not effect a passage."

Greeks Counter-Attack

"The Greek soldiers on the German front withstood heavy artillery fire, destroyed oncoming tanks and counter-attacked."

"The Greeks brought down six German planes without suffering any losses in planes themselves."

"In Albania, the Duce's army was inactive, evidently expecting to gather the fruit of other people's labours."—Reuter.

BRITAIN BREAKS OFF RELATIONS

The British Government has decided to withdraw their mission from Budapest, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

Instructions to the British Minister, Mr. Owen O'Malley, to withdraw the mission are being given in consequence of the fact that Hungary has now become a base for operations against the Allies. Reuter's diplomatic correspondent understands that Mr. Barcz, the Hungarian Minister, called at the Foreign Office in London yesterday afternoon and was informed of the decision taken by the British Government.—Reuter.

Swift Response To Belgrade Raid

CALL TO IRAQI PEOPLE

A call to the Iraqi people to reject the Prime Minister, Rashid el Gailani, who seized power by a coup d'etat last week, has been broadcast by the Regent of Iraq, who arrived in Basra yesterday.

The Regent, Emir Abdul Ilan, was obliged to leave the capital after his residence was surrounded by Rashid's troops.

It is recalled that on Sunday Rashid declared his Government would adhere to the country's international obligations, particularly the Anglo-Iraq Treaty.

According to a message to Vichy from Damascus, Rashid has not yet succeeded in forming a Ministry.

Members of the former Government, together with other politicians, have left Baghdad for an unknown destination. Many arrests have been made throughout the country.—Reuter.

STRUMA VALLEY FIGHTING

The strong resistance encountered by the Germans, especially in the Struma Valley, was emphasised by Moscow radio in a broadcast for home consumption yesterday.

Commenting upon the military situation created by the German attacks on Yugoslavia and Greece, the Moscow announcer in the main confined himself to giving briefly the Greek, British and German communiques, but also emphasised the strong resistance the Germans were encountering.—Reuter.

TWO NAZI PLANES DESTROYED

Two German aircraft were destroyed by British fighters, one off the Suffolk coast and the other near Cape Gris Nez, yesterday, says the Air Ministry.

There was little activity over Britain and no bombs were dropped on land.—Reuter.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY announced in Cairo last night that German military concentrations at Sofia and motor transport in the Struma Valley were heavily bombed on Sunday night.

The R.A.F. quickly replied to the German air attack on Belgrade by bombing the German military concentrations at Sofia, says the Middle East communique.

PETAINE AND BRITAIN

Marshal Petain, in a special appeal for national unity yesterday from Lyons radio, said: "It is a matter of honour for us to do nothing against our former ally."

"The necessary provisioning of the country imposes a sacred duty on us. Admiral Darlan has my fullest confidence."

"The Government has no other cause to defend but that of France, and there is no other manner of being faithful to France but by standing by its Government."—Reuter.

MOSCOW ATTITUDE

"Encouraging," was the comment of Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, on the Russo-Yugoslav Pact yesterday.

He also commented at his press conference on the increasing number of nations becoming acutely aware of the world nature of the movement for conquest of peoples by force.

This is the second recent favourable comment on Russia's attitude by a high State Department official, the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Sumner Welles, having a few days ago applauded Russia's declaration of neutrality if Turkey were attacked.—Reuter.

SIR TEJ SAPRU SEES VICEROY

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, spokesman for the recent Bombay conference, held to solve the political deadlock, interviewed the Viceroy for two hours yesterday and placed before him a memorandum drawn by the standing committee of the conference.—Reuter.

KEYNES PLAN ADOPTED

The famous economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, champion of compulsory saving, left his office in the Treasury last night with the knowledge that four million British taxpayers will participate in a form of his long advocated and hotly-opposed scheme of compulsory saving.

Last July Mr. Keynes was appointed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with other economists and commercial and industrial chiefs, to the Treasury consultative committee which has been described as the "Exchequer Brains Trust."

Doubtless the proposal was devised there.

Mr. Keynes had no comment to make on the Budget.—Reuter.

DR. BARDOSSY AND ITALY

The new Hungarian Prime Minister, Dr. Bardossy, has sent a telegram to Mussolini asking for his "precious support" in the task he has undertaken.—Reuter.

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INCOME TAX AT TEN SHILLINGS IN THE POUND: BRITAIN'S NEW BUDGET

Keynes Plan For Compulsory Saving Adapted

THE BRITISH TAXPAYER IS CALLED UPON TO PAY AN EXTRA £205,000,000 UNDER PROPOSALS MADE BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, PRESENTING THE BUDGET TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The income tax rate is increased to ten shillings in the pound, with a reduction in the abatements on the lower incomes.

Income Tax and surtax together total 19/6 in the £1 on the largest incomes.

Most striking feature of the Budget, however, is the appearance of compulsory savings in special form. The proposal is that the extra tax of any individual paid by reason of the reduction in the personal allowance and the earned income allowance will be offset by a post-war credit in the Post Office Savings Bank.

The whole income tax proposals will produce an additional £150,000,000 this year and in a full year £250,000,000 of which half will be treated as a credit.

Sir Kingsley Wood estimated that the total expenditure in the coming year will be £4,207,000,000.

"Spend as little as possible and lend as much as possible," was the keynote of the Chancellor's speech.

The House was well filled and the Chancellor was cheered when he entered the House. A number of Peers and Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, were present.

The Chancellor said he would make proposals which would not only enable us to surmount the immediate difficulty but would ensure that we continue to maintain our national finances on sound lines so that we would be able, when the time came, to pursue post-war measures of reconstruction and social advance.

The British financial front stood firm and strong. The steps taken to stimulate exports and drastically reduce non-essential imports certainly had been successful.

Our system of exchange control under the mobilisation of dollar securities enabled us to meet the very heavy drain upon our resources of gold dollars and we now had assurance by reason of the great contribution America was making in the Lease and Lend Act that no difficulty in financing purchases from the United States will hamper the full development of our fighting strength. (Cheers).

Control Of Capital

Control of capital issues in the domestic market had been of great value in securing the best possible conditions for the success of Government loans.

All these measures combined enabled us to borrow at a very low rate of interest averaging below two per cent. "We have no intention of borrowing on worse terms as the war proceeds. We shall hope to improve upon them." (Cheers).

All this meant that aggravation of our post-war financial problem by the burden of war debt, though it was bound to be grievous, would be correspondingly less and we should also avoid the evils incurred after 1918 of the starting period of post-war expansion and recovery with a rate of interest which, in the long run, was so embarrassing, and often crushing, to the borrower.

Maintenance of a low rate of interest would do much to ease the financial problem of rebuilding our cities after the war.

We had taken many steps to eliminate war fortunes.

Excess Purchasing Power

Referring to the "many difficulties and problems inherent in the most expensive war in history," the Chancellor remarked that the danger we had to control was that of being flooded out by a torrent of excess purchasing power fed by the springs of war-time government expenditure.

That was the function of finance. Solution of the problem would be impossible unless it was eased by withholding a substantial part of surplus purchasing power through the instrument of taxation.

Dealing with details of last year's account the Chancellor thanked the taxpayers who responded so readily to his appeal for prompt payment of taxes, also those at home and overseas who patriotically helped with a steady flow of free gifts to the Exchequer and for aircraft production.

THE PURCHASE TAX YIELDED SOME £26 MILLIONS. ITS ADMINISTRATION WORKED QUITE SMOOTHLY.

Towards the total expenditure of £3,884,000,000 we received a total revenue of £1,409,000,000, leaving a deficiency of £2,475,000,000 to be found by other means.

The nett sum of £2,462,000,000 was borrowed during the year.

Taxation increases

Hard and severe financial measures brought benefits because they avoided for the mass of people the evil effects of unchecked inflation.

Hitherto increase in taxation had not fallen short of the necessities of the case. There had been no inflationary dangers in our system up to the present.

Referring to the future, the Chancellor said a new and important factor was introduced by the Lease and Lend Act.

He could not estimate the value of supplies to be received from the United States. He estimated the vote of credit required, excluding supplies from and payments to the United States, at £3,500,000,000. He estimated total expenditure at £4,207,000,000.

He estimated the yield from Income Tax for the current year at £260,000,000, an increase of £20

millions. Surtax £80 millions, death duties £82 millions, stamps £14 millions, and the Excess Profits Tax £210 millions.

Inland Revenue

Total estimate of inland revenue duties on the existing basis of taxation was £992 millions, customs and excise £578 millions, and Purchase Tax £70 millions.

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE IN 1940/41 ON THE EXISTING BASIS OF TAXATION WAS £1,636,000,000.

The hops tax would be renewed for a further four years, medicine and stamp duties would be repealed from September 2 and new medicine and stamp duties legislation would be introduced.

The Finance Bill would include a clause providing for purposes of Income Tax and national defence contributions a similar allowance to that provided for the purpose of the Excess Profits Tax in respect to losses incurred in providing additional buildings, plant and machinery for the war effort.

The Chancellor foreshadowed modification of the Excess Profits Tax but could not now afford any considerable changes. Part of the tax would be held by the Exchequer to be made available to industry at the end of the war.

Private Savings

He estimated private savings for the current year at £1,600,000,000 in addition to £1,636,000,000 from revenue.

Estimated domestic expenditure was £3,700,000,000, leaving a gap of £500 millions to be filled.

The Exchequer would bear the considerably increased burden to prevent an increase in the cost of living, including increase in shipping rates and insurance.

The policy of stabilising prices would be continued and extended. The scheme included coal, gas and electricity charges. Aim was to hold wages about where they are now.

Turning to the question of filling the £500 million gap, the Chancellor said he needed a still greater sum from genuine new savings. He urged people to spend as little as possible and to lend as much as possible.

Income Tax

New private savings were estimated to produce between 200 and 300 million pounds.

New taxation, he estimated, would produce £205 millions in a full year.

THE INCOME TAX RATE WOULD BE INCREASED BY 1/6d. TO 10/- IN THE POUND.

The 5/- rate on the lower scale would be increased to 6/6d.

ON THE LARGEST INCOMES, INCOME TAX AND SURTAX WOULD BE 19/6d. IN THE POUND.

Income Tax yield this year was £200 millions and in a full year

MATSUOKA VISITS THE KREMLIN

Mr. Matsuoka visited the Kremlin in Moscow yesterday afternoon to resume the conversations with Stalin and Molotov, says a Moscow despatch to the official German news agency. —Reuter.

R.A.F. LIBYAN ATTACKS

British aircraft made heavy attacks on Italian and German transport in the region of El Aghelia, in Cyrenaica, on the night of Saturday.

BEFORE ADDIS ABABA WAS CAPTURED, SOUTH AFRICAN BOMBERS MADE THE NEARBY AERODROME UNSERVICEABLE TO THE ENEMY.

In an attack carried out on Saturday, says an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday, five Italian Savoia machines and three Capronis were burnt out and a number of others badly damaged.

On Sunday, enemy aircraft at Kumbolcha, near Dessie, were machine-gunned and five fighters and three Savoia bombers destroyed and a number of others severely damaged.

In Eritrea, Free French aircraft continued to give active support to the advancing troops. The aerodrome at Calato, on the island of Rhodes, was raided on Saturday night. —Reuter.

DE GAULLE MAY GO TO BALKANS

General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French Forces, declared in an interview in Alexandria yesterday that he might go to the Balkans.

After lunching aboard the British battleship "Warspite" he said: "I have reason to hope that Free France will participate in the battle in the Balkans and it is possible I may go there."

"Frankly, I believe that the German effort in the Balkans will be considerable and formidable in every way, but I remain convinced that the Balkan countries, which have chosen to resist, will not regret it." —Reuter.

CONSTITUTION CHANGED IN SARAWAK

Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, White Rajah of Sarawak, yesterday pronounced his brother, Bertram, heir to the throne.

Sir Charles stated this in a speech to the Supreme Council of Sarawak on the occasion of the centenary of the present regime.

He also announced the formation of a Legislative Council and proclaimed the termination of the era of absolute rule of the Rajahs of Sarawak.

Measures were produced to divest the Rajah of absolute legislative powers. —Reuter.

£125 millions. Earned income allowance deduction, now one-sixth, would be one-tenth. Personal allowance of £170 for a married person would be reduced to £140.

Exemption limits for Income Tax would be £110 instead of £120.

This would increase the number of Income Tax payers by over two million.

The extra tax any individual paid by reason of reduction of the personal allowance and earned income allowance would be offset after the war by a credit in the Post Office Savings Bank.

The whole of the Income Tax proposals would produce £150 millions this year and in a full year £250 millions, half of which would be treated as a credit.

The full year would produce £1,880,000,000 from taxation. —Reuter.

NAIROBI MURDER TRIAL

The Government analyst, Mr. Fox, was the chief witness when the hearing of the charge against Sir Delves Broughton of murdering the Earl of Erroll was resumed at Nairobi yesterday.

Mr. Fox said he was satisfied that both the bullets fired at Lord Erroll and the bullets found at the farm where Sir Delves practised with a revolver were fired from the same weapon.

The hearing was adjourned till April 15. —Reuter.

MATSUOKA'S "CONVICTION"

"MY VISIT HAS SERVED TO STRENGTHEN MY BELIEF IN THE VICTORY OF THE AXIS POWERS AND THE SUCCESSFUL ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW WORLD ORDER," SAYS MR. MATSUOKA, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, IN A FAREWELL MESSAGE TO THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN PEOPLE ON LEAVING GERMAN TERRITORY YESTERDAY.

Mr. Matsuoka expresses "sincere satisfaction" at his reception and cordial thanks to the Fuehrer, Duce, the Foreign Ministers and leading men of both nations for their "friendliness, amiability and thoughtful hospitality." —Reuter.

HE TOLD THEM

After a man had been found guilty at Hendon, London, N.W., of theft a detective said that he knew the accused to be a reputed thief, but his criminal record had not arrived in time to be placed before the Court.

When the chairman (Mr. B. E. Figgis) asked for the date when the man, Joseph Moore, thirty-eight, dealer, was last before the Court, the detective replied that he could not remember, but Moore said, "I can tell you. It was last June."

The Chairman: What punishment did I give you?—You bound me over for twelve months. The case was put back to await the record.

German Offensive Aimed At Conquest Of Suez Area

NEUTRAL VIEW OF EVENTS

A SUGGESTION THAT the German offensive in the Balkans is ultimately aimed at the Suez Canal, was made by the "Stockholm Tidningen" yesterday.

The newspaper's military correspondent says that although the Germans were fully prepared for an attack on Greece they had probably not completed preparations for an attack on Yugoslavia.

They are thus likely to seek to prevent the making of troops by Yugoslavia by violent action, while completing their own troop concentration.

The military correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" believes the German offensive was hastened by uncertainty about Turkey's attitude and the British landings in Greece.

The correspondent expects the Germans will first exert all effort to prevent the British, Greek and Yugoslav forces from joining up while engaging the Yugoslavs, to prevent them attacking the Italians in Albania. Reuter.

U.S. WHEAT FOR EIRE

THIRTY THOUSAND TONS OF WHEAT FROM THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN BOUGHT BY THE EIREAN GOVERNMENT SAID THE EIRE DEFENCE MINISTER, MR. FRANK AITKEN, WHO IS NOW IN WASHINGTON, YESTERDAY.

With the Eire Minister to the United States, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Aitken yesterday visited President Roosevelt.

In a subsequent interview Mr. Aitken said Eire desired to buy American products, including wheat. The supply of arms to Eire is stated also to have been discussed. Reuter.

DOOMED, MONGREL DIED HERO

Scamp, a mongrel dog, old and of uncertain temper, was to have been destroyed.

But early on Sunday morning his master, Mr. W. Edge, of Cleethorpes, was awakened by the dog scratching at his bedroom door. The room was full of smoke and downstairs the dining-room was ablaze.

Mr. Edge called to his wife and daughter. In their nightclothes all three just escaped.

In the excitement Scamp was forgotten.

When the fire had been put out he was found near the daughter's bed—dead.

"BUILD FOR 30 YEARS ONLY"

Post-war buildings should be built to last no more than thirty years. Then they should be pulled down and replaced with something modern.

Mr. Donald Gibson, Coventry's city architect, said that to the Architectural Association in London. He was speaking of post-war reconstruction.

Too many houses, schools, libraries and offices were causing annoyance by their inadequacy to meet present needs.

"We have no right to build for a thousand years," he said. "If we were to build for thirty years only we should help the movement of population that will be caused by our post-war plans."

RACE ACROSS ENGLAND FOR WEDDING DRESS

With only minutes to spare, a bride rushed across England from Lincolnshire to Bristol and back so that she might marry her soldier bridegroom before he left for another station.

She made this long journey because she was determined to be married in a beautiful cream brocade wedding dress which was packed away at her home at Filton, near Bristol, and she wanted also to take her wedding cake back to Lincolnshire.

The bride was Miss Lillian May Fogarty, a cashier, aged twenty-one. Her bridegroom was Private William Charles Ellard, whose home is at Gloucester.

The wedding was at Market Risen Parish Church.

HOME-MADE TIN HAT BEAT 3 INCENDIARIES

Initiative of a temporary porter, who put out three incendiary bombs with a home-made tin hat, is praised by Lord Stamp, chairman of the L.M.S., in a message to the staff.

An official was amazed to see the porter rush towards him and exclaim: "Here they are, guv'ner (meaning the bombs). I've put 'em out with my home-made tin hat."

The porter's only concern was that his ruined tin hat should be replaced. This assurance having been obtained, he continued at his work a happy man.

PIGEON PIE IS BACK

PIGEON PIE—LUXURY DISH OF PAST CENTURIES IS COMING BACK INTO FASHION.

London pet dealers are selling hundreds of pigeons to housewives, to help out their rations.

The cockney street pigeon and wood pigeons make good dishes, boiled or baked. The pigeons are sold at 9d to 1s. each.

"I could sell hundreds of pigeons in a week," Mr. G. E. Palmer, of Parkway, N.W., said.

"They are very tender if cooked like rabbit."

INVISIBLE MAN ATTACKS A.T.S. GIRLS

A MAN WITH A HIGH-PITCHED VOICE, WHO SPEAKS BUT IS NEVER SEEN, IS TRYING TO SCARE A.T.S. GIRLS AT CHESTER.

Some of the girls are afraid to walk alone at night over the narrow foot-bridge which leads to Curzon Park.

Some say the man has chased them nearly a quarter of a mile along the lonely road which leads to the village. As they pass him he calls, and when they run away he follows as if trying to catch them.

The girls have heard peculiar noises after getting into bed at night but have never been able to find the cause.

"I am sure it is a man's voice," one of the girls told a reporter. "We have looked around the gardens several times but have never caught anybody."

Police are patrolling the area on the look-out.

BRAZIL ACCEPTS INVITATION

Brazil has been asked to take care of Italy's interests in Yugoslavia, according to a Rio de Janeiro telegram to Vichy quoted by Reuter.

ADDIS ABABA SURRENDERED BY AGREEMENT

AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE issued in Cairo yesterday stated "On the evening of April 5 our leading troops entered Addis Ababa. The Viceroy and Government had left the city."

"As a result of messages dropped by us on April 1, an envoy from the Viceroy of Italian East Africa flew to our lines on April 3, when conditions were presented to him to ensure the safety of the civil population of Addis Ababa in the event of fighting round the city."

Armoured cars led the British column into the Abyssinian capital on Saturday. They found the city in the charge of Italian police, who formally surrendered it.

The Union Jack now flies over the Palace formerly occupied by Emperor Haile Selassie, and the city seems to be very rapidly resuming normal life.

It is now revealed that General Santini, one of the leading Italian commanders, narrowly escaped for the second time being captured.

MEANWHILE THE DUKE OF AOSTA, THE ITALIAN Viceroy, MILITARY CHIEFS AND FORCES ACCOMPANYING

HIM, ARE REPORTED TO BE MAKING THEIR WAY NORTHWARDS. — REUTER.

PUNJAB FIGHTER SQUADRON

With the approval of the Ministry of Aircraft Production it has been decided to form a special squadron of fighter planes to be known as the Punjab Fighter Squadron. It will be a permanent part of the R.A.F. and will consist of 20 fighter planes to begin with. It is being formed from the Punjab's contributions. — Reuter.

STRIKE AT PITTSBURGH CALLED OFF

A strike in the United States Steel Corporation mills at Pittsburgh, announced for midnight to-night, has been called off.

Both sides have agreed to continue negotiations on the men's demand for a wage increase. Reuter.

ONE IN 130 HAD A MASK

Excluding Servicemen, only one person in every 130 was carrying a gas-mask when I made a count on a West Coast sea front, writes a correspondent.

Here are some of the excuses I was given:

"I used to carry my respirator everywhere, then people began to 'tag' me and call me jitterbug. So I don't carry it now."

"Hitler won't use gas, anyway."

"I haven't seen my mask for a year. Can't be bothered."

"I'll carry it when I hear gas has been used somewhere."

An A.R.P. controller told me how perturbed he was about what he called "public apathy."

"A definite statement from the Government is necessary," he said. "We have run all sorts of campaigns, have to make people carry their respirators, and all in vain."

MAYOR IS GOOD "TEC"

Within a few hours of receiving a cable from a Canadian mother asking him to try to trace her daughter, the Mayor of Folkestone, Alderman G. A. Gurr, found the girl.

Like a detective, the Mayor followed up several clues. He visited three houses only to find them unoccupied. Undeterred he followed up a chance clue which solved the mystery.

"It was not long before I had despatched a cable to the mother, Mrs. Winifred Leslie, of Walnut-Street, Halifax, Canada, telling her that her daughter Angela was O.K. and writing" he took a reporter.

Mother and daughter had lost touch because letters had gone astray. The girl, Angela Pierce, a twenty-one-year-old blonde, is a bus conductress in the Folkestone area.

REUNITED BY WAR AFTER 17 YEARS

TWO BROTHERS WHO HAD BEEN PARTED FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS HAVE BEEN REUNITED AS A RESULT OF THE WAR.

When Company-Sergeant-Major Alfred Moore, of the Scots Guards, was on duty in London one day his brother Jack, a Canadian soldier, came up and spoke to him.

They had not met since Jack was a little boy, and was carried on his brother's shoulders to the train to be taken by friends to Canada.

There Jack went to school and later took up farming, finally becoming a member of a dance-band. On the outbreak of war, Jack joined the Canadian Forces and became a trumpet player leaving his wife and family in Edmonton.

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SHE DEFIED GUN THREAT

How a fifteen-year-old girl assistant in a tobacconist's shop defied a woman who entered and, pretending to be armed, demanded the contents of the till, was told at Chatham.

Patricia Evelyn Peterson, aged twenty-four, stated to be the wife of a soldier, was committed for trial on a charge of demanding money by menaces. She was also committed for trial on a charge of breaking into a house and stealing a radio set.

It was alleged that she went into the shop with the lower part of her face covered by a scarf and said to the assistant, Daphne Savage, aged fifteen, "I want money. Where is the till?" The girl replied, "I'm not going to tell you."

Peterson then said to her: "I am not bluffing. I have got a gun," and Miss Savage noticed that Peterson was pointing something at her.

The girl then heard her employer's car outside and kept Peterson in conversation until he came in.

Peterson ran out of the shop but Miss Savage's employer caught her and she said to him: "I have not got a gun."

Peterson told the Bench that her husband had been in the army and had been decorated for gallantry with the Distinguished Service Medal.

7, SAVED HER PAL

Clutching a doll tightly in her arms, seven-year-old Geraldine Howard, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Howard, of Comer Road, Cheddar, stood on a chair in Axbridge (Somerset) Police Court to receive a parchment certificate awarded to her by the Royal Humane Society.

Geraldine was bathing at Cheddar swimming pool with Pauline Harris, a seven-year-old London evacuee. Pauline got into difficulties and Geraldine rescued her.

Swam Under Water

"It is not given to everyone, especially at such tender years, to show such promptitude and skill," the chairman, Mr. Warren Jane, told Geraldine.

"It will be a source of great satisfaction to you throughout your life that you were responsible for saving human life."

The chairman also commended Geraldine's brother, who had taught her to swim, and paid tribute to Mrs. Brown, of Kent Street, Cheddar, who pulled the children out of the water.

Mrs. Brown told a reporter: "Geraldine swam to Pauline and grabbed her, then, swimming under water, brought her to the side of the pool, and I got them out."

SAYS MILITARY POLICE BEAT HIM

A man who alleged that he had been "beaten up" by the military police while detained at Great Scotland Yard, appeared in Army uniform at West London Police Court.

He was remanded in custody for a week on charges of stealing a pair of shoes from the place where he was living, and wearing Army uniform without authority.

He is Raymond Smith, thirty-six, described as of Edith Road, West Kensington, and he demanded to see the police surgeon.

The magistrate Sir Gervais Renault, asked Smith to explain.

He replied that when he refused to answer certain questions, three military police attacked him.

Sir Gervais said that Smith would be examined by the prison doctor.

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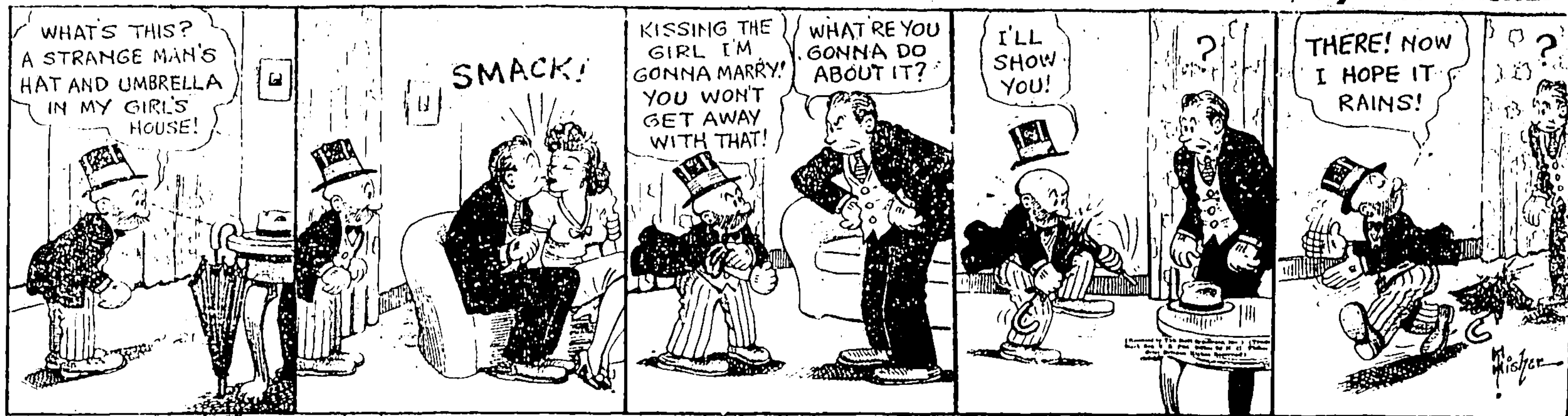
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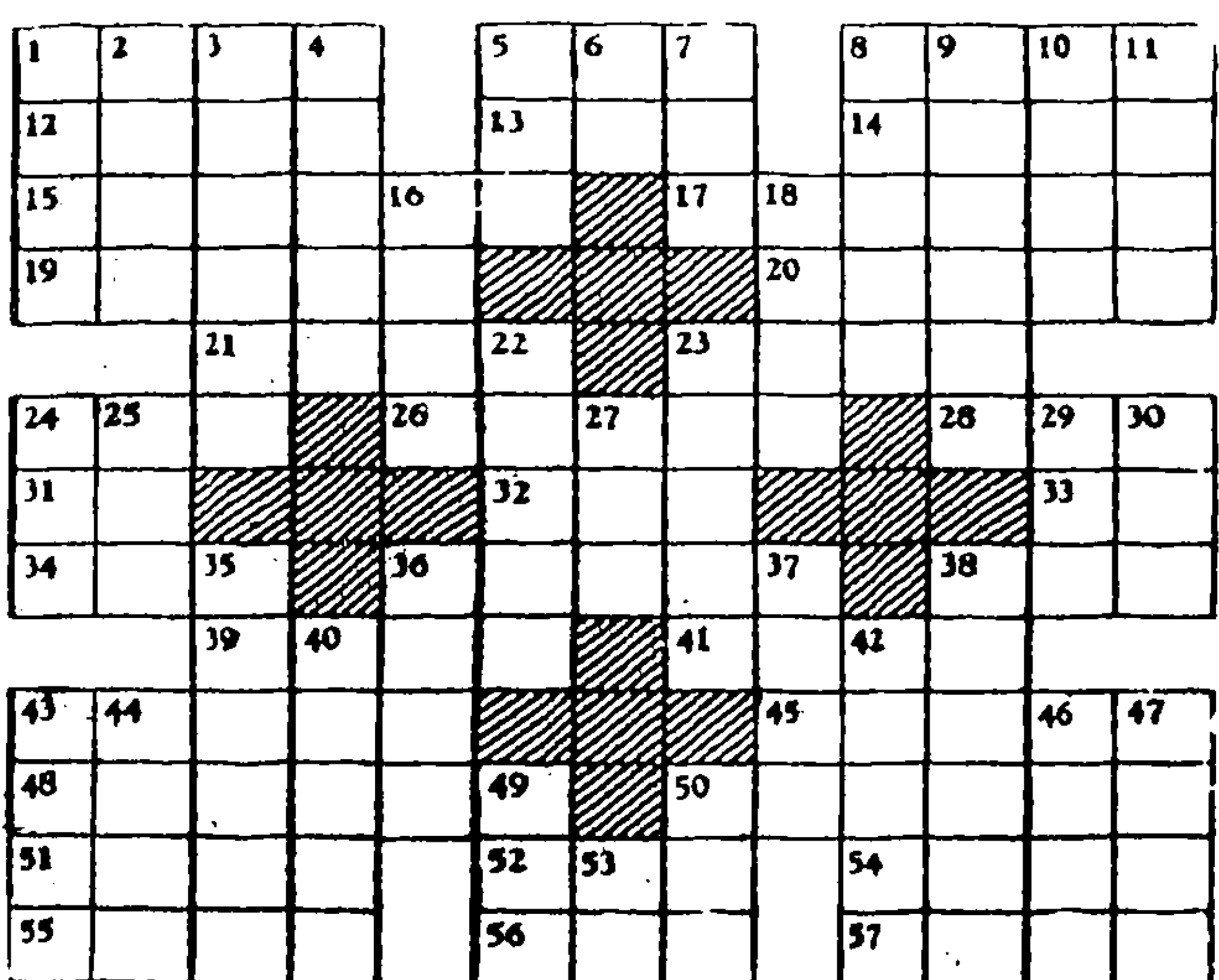
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- 20 To rise
- 21 Toward the mouth
- 23 Substance
- 24 Rowing implement
- 26 Approaches
- 28 Conclusion
- 31 Roman gods
- 32 Aperture in a helmet
- 33 Conjunction
- 34 Shade tree
- 36 To compare
- 38 Pig-pen
- 39 Dye plant
- 41 Tidy
- 43 Former French capital
- 45 To look fixedly
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- 51 Trigonometrical ratio
- 52 Vase
- 54 To require
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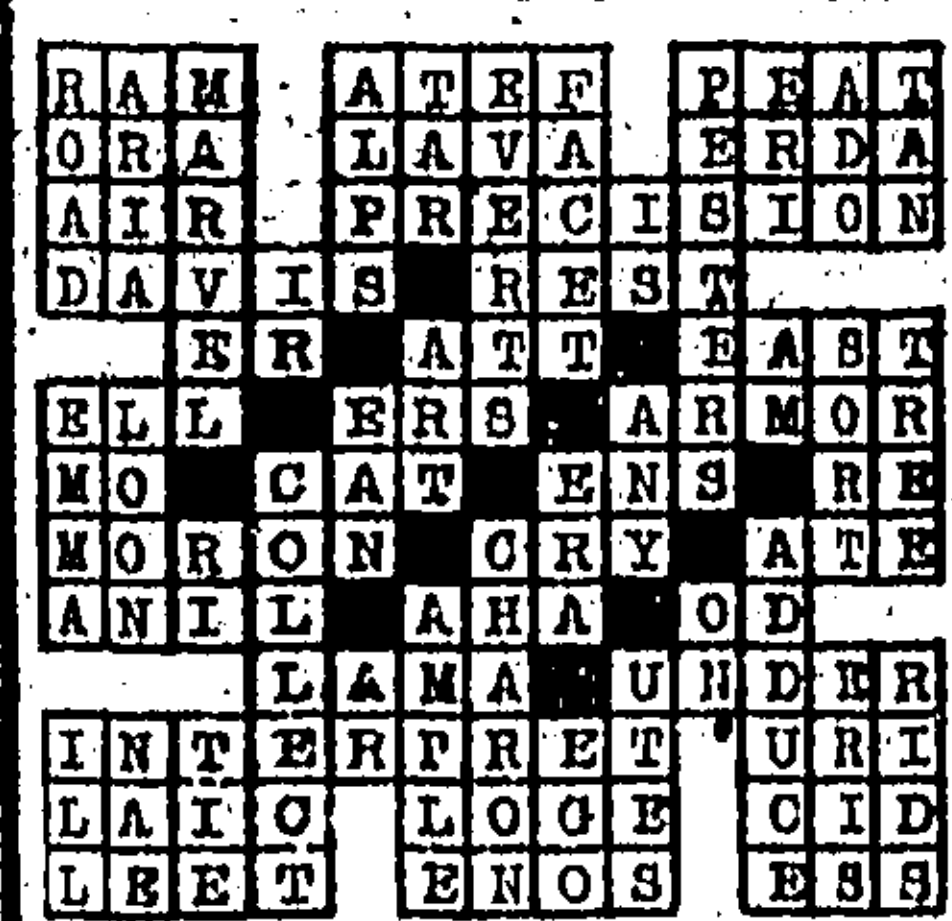
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- 4 Glacial formation
- 5 Preposition
- 6 Exits

7 Bulgarian coin

- 8 Jogs
- 9 To tell
- 10 Chief Norse god
- 11 To go
- 16 Dash
- 18 Egyptian deity
- 22 Satan
- 23 Colour
- 24 Poem
- 25 To be sick
- 27 Diving bird
- 29 Negative
- 30 Arid
- 35 Pertaining to the sea
- 36 Rota
- 37 Aerle
- 38 Risked
- 40 More mannerly
- 42 To make amends for
- 43 Mexican coin
- 44 Eager
- 46 Tall grass
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- 50 Vesol's curved planking
- 53 Sun god

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



THEIR SONG OF WELCOME

V.A.D.s at a Red Cross hospital are planning a singing welcome for Mrs. Fellowes, their assistant commandant, when she returns to duty.

Mrs. Fellowes has put aside her Red Cross uniform for the duration so that she may continue to wear her favourite shade of lipstick.

A nurse at the hospital told a reporter:

"We are going to give Mrs. Fellowes a big welcome."

"Rights Of Women"

"She has struck another blow for the rights of women, and we are all going to sing 'For she's a jolly good fellow' when she returns."

Mrs. Fellowes, thirty-seven year old mother of a son aged three, and wife of Major C. D. Fellowes, of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, left her bath to say:

"Of course I shall go back to the hospital to-morrow. And of course I shall wear my lipstick."

Brigadier-General Sir Archibald Home, Suffolk County Director of the British Red Cross, advised Mrs. Fellowes recently that she must not use lipstick while she is in uniform.

"CRUEL" TO SACK WAAF

Protest against the dismissal from the Service of a young W.A.A.F. who had stolen a manicure set worth 7s. 6d. was made by Alderman W. E. Lovsey, chairman of Birmingham magistrates.

The girl, Denise Madeline Carberry, twenty, who appeared in uniform, was discharged. She had pleaded guilty.

The magistrate told an officer from the girl's depot: "Because of this one lapse you are going to brand her and throw her aside. It is harsh treatment, such as a civilian would not get."

Later Alderman Lovsey said: "I desire my remarks to be conveyed to the O.C. unit."

"For a girl to be branded as a thief is cruel to a degree."

The manicure set was stolen from a civilian at the W.A.A.F. station.

The officer from the depot said that Carberry would not be taken back into the Service.

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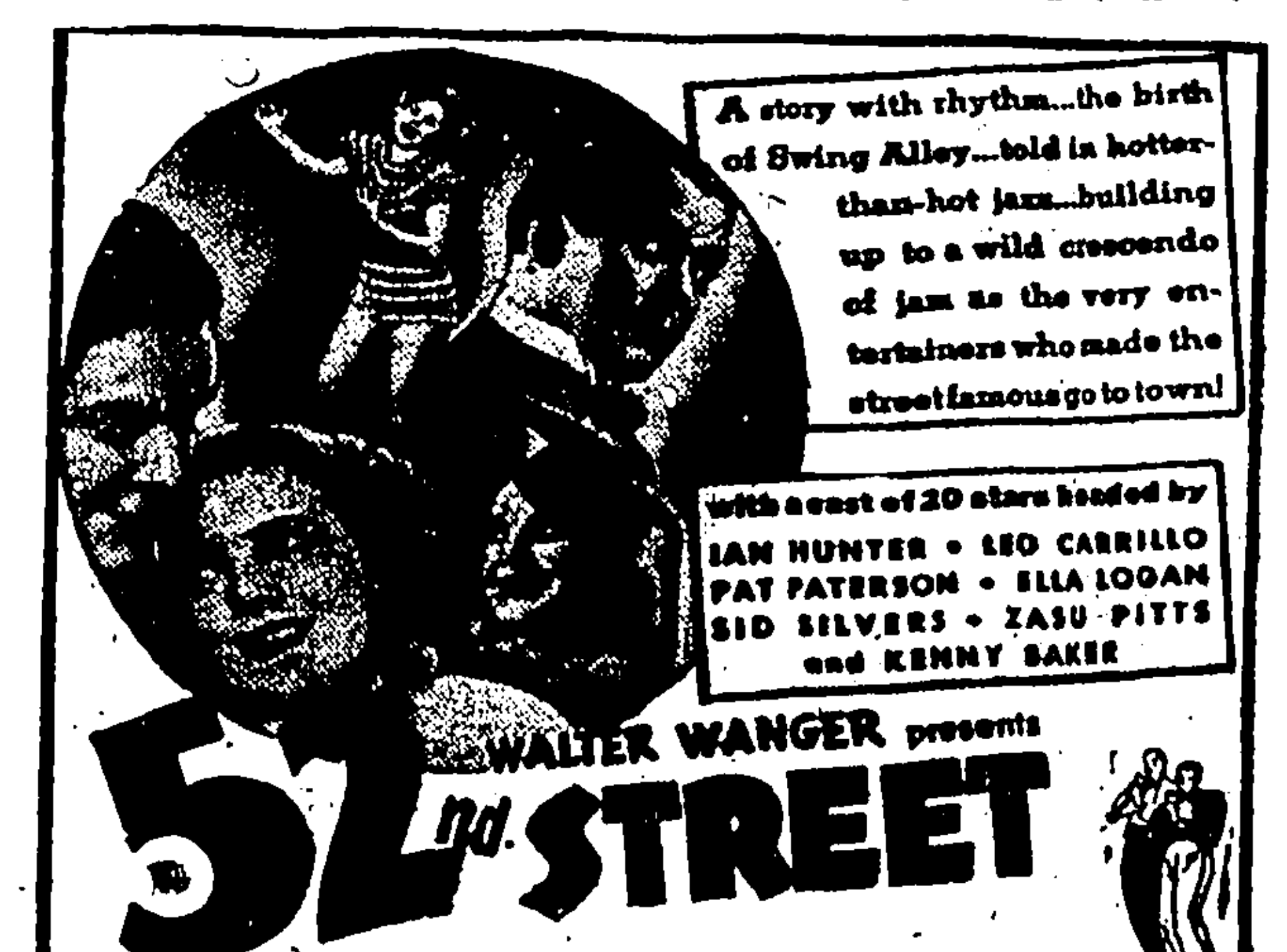
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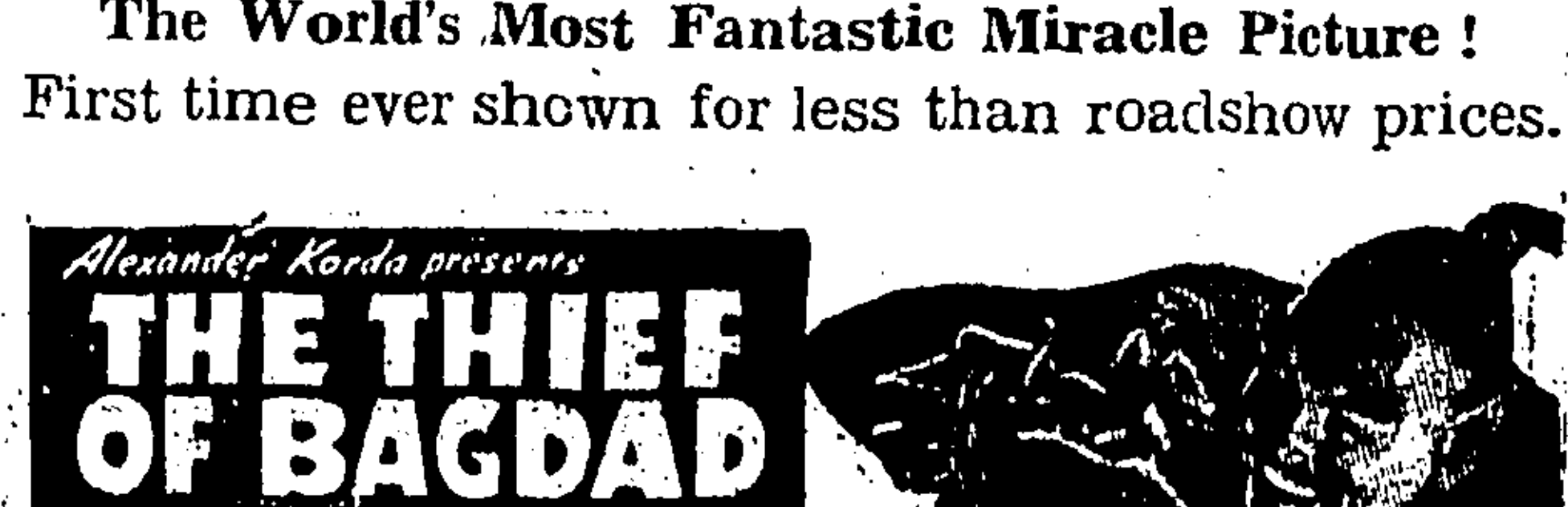


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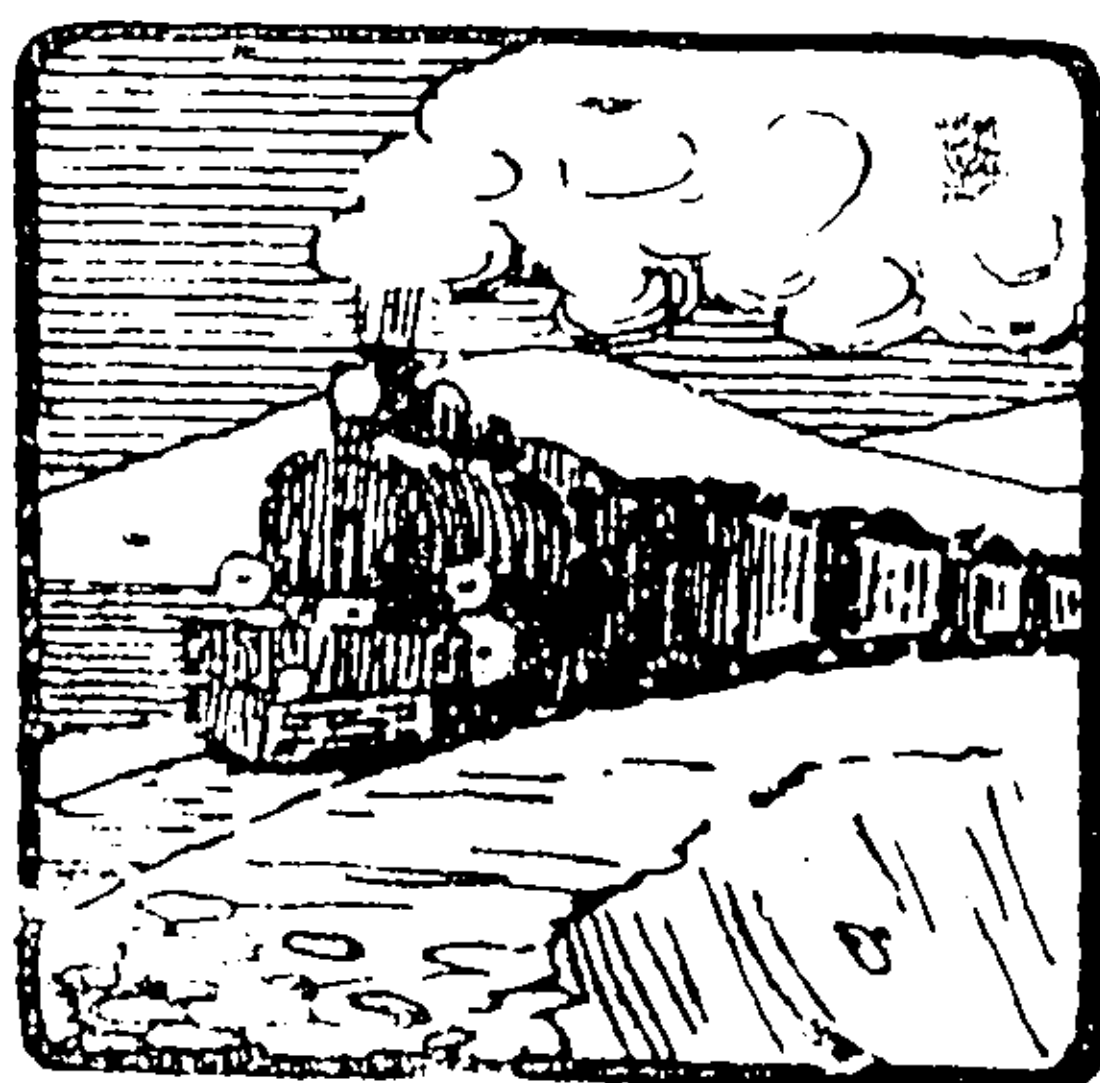
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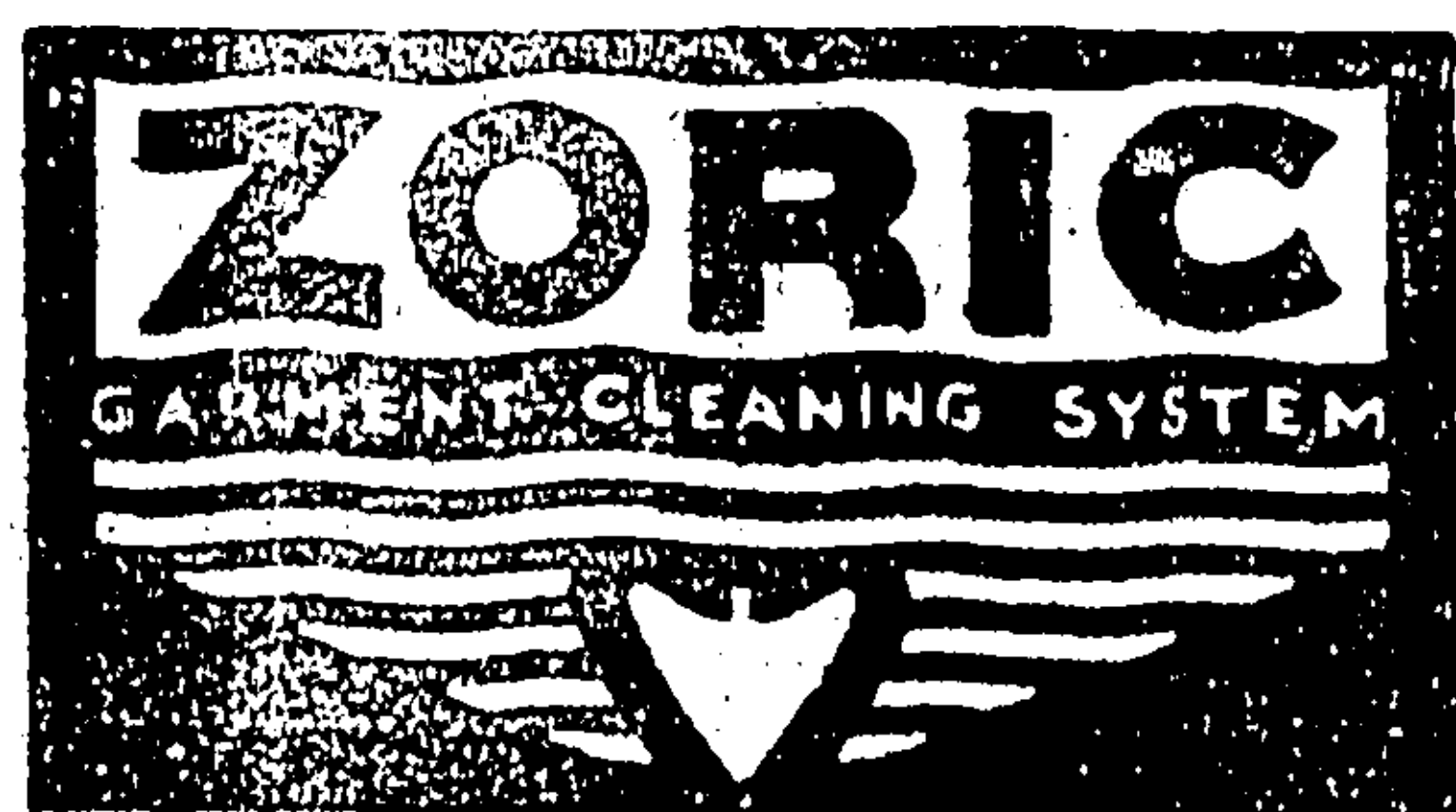
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TRYING TO ENTERTAIN IN GERMANY

EVEN WHEN no air-raid alarms occur, entertaining in Germany to-day is not easy, says a correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

That was true all through the first year of the war when air raids were almost unknown in most sections of the Reich. It is equally true to-day. The problem is that of providing hospitality in a country which is on a strict ration basis.

Nobody living under normal conditions can hardly appreciate what it means for a hostess to give a real dinner nowadays.

If she produces a complete meal it means in all likelihood that her family has short-changed itself for weeks in order, little by little, to save up enough butter, vegetables, sugar and potatoes, and that it probably has shared the lucky windfall of having obtained say a goose or chicken from some friend out in the country.

It was months ago that the average German tasted real tea. That goes for coffee, too. The "ersatz" of barley is something quite different from coffee even though it bears the same name.

Fats And Butter

But to get back to the wartime dinner. Of what good is chicken or turkey if you haven't any fats or butter in which to fry them?

Thus you must be sure to complement your hostess for the self-sacrifice of herself and her family in giving up most of their monthly fat rations for one dinner.

Vegetables are another problem. Often your hostess uses her last few tins of canned vegetables, carefully saved ever from peace days to entertain guests.

And what about dessert? Despite German alliances and friendship with Italy and Spain, oranges, grapefruit, and apples as they reach Germany at all, seldom get as far northward as the capital, so count on no fresh fruit for dessert.

Cake? Well, cream is a premium. So you need expect no cream frosting, much less baked cream. Eggs are so scarce that you must feel deeply flattered and honoured if you are served cake that bears evidence of having eggs as an ingredient. It means that the family will be without eggs for the rest of the month.

Loophole in Rations

For Americans—mostly men who have been forced to remain in Berlin, the problem of obtaining sufficient and balanced foods is difficult. Some have found loopholes through which they can obtain otherwise "forbidden" foods. This is the wives of Americans who may be in Stockholm, Budapest, Bern and Rome, dicker with customs authorities, and interviewing Ministers of State to get them to make exceptions to almost universal laws against sending food into Germany.

And every once in a while a package does come through. The American man is rather badly treated by the rationing system. It's not that there isn't enough food. The Germans seem to be getting along all right.

The newspapers may announce, for instance, that the little blue ticket marked "20-n" is good for two eggs to-day. Every last German hausfrau storms down and demands and frequently gets her family's rights. But the American man is likely to miss the announcement. So he misses the eggs.

No Pastry Flour

There is no pastry flour. Flour is to be had in adequate quantities, but it's regimented.

Pork chops are obtainable but one mustn't use all the meat tickets at restaurants if one wants a chop at home. And one has to be registered with a butcher.

Real spices are rare, but the substitutes, save that for pepper, are excellent. Substitute cinnamon smells quite like cinnamon. Substitute chocolate, however, leaves something to be desired. There is enough sugar—if one doesn't insist on making fudge.

Only skim milk may be purchased for adults, but there are dignified, legal means of getting condensed milk from abroad. There is an occasional ration of German condensed milk. Butter is scarce, and there wouldn't be

much fat in the diet if it weren't for those industrious wives abroad.

Often it's a question for American residents whether the cleaning woman should be given the scanty piece of soap, or whether the laundry should be sent out. One must supply soap, or ration tickets, with the dirty clothes.

Great Problem

For the average German housewife, the problem of maintaining a household while her husband is in the Army is difficult. Generally she is obliged to find work herself, a step which is difficult especially if she has children which must also be cared for.

With the Government's allowance for the wages her husband would earn if he were not in the army, plus her own wage, her income is likely to be about 300 marks a month.

A wife of a soldier, she doesn't have to pay taxes on her wage, which may average 75 pfennig-an-hour, but some is taken off for German workers' health work. Every fourth Sunday brings a "long dish dinner" so that she can contribute 50 pfennigs to a relief fund.

Her rent may generally be about 23.80 marks a month, and gas and light come to five marks every two months. Food takes up 30 marks a week, and care of the children 4.30 marks.

HE PAID HIS DEBT—IN FULL

A Royal Engineers officer with a distinguished career in the last war, shedding years from his age, not only got back in his famous corps at the beginning of the war, but was among the early arrivals in France.

There was a price, however, on his courage and enthusiasm.

The War Office, going through its musty records, found that the keen old sapper had been overpaid £35 in the last war. They promptly demanded a refund.

Later they reconsidered their rather hasty and peremptory decision.

A notification came that they would not proceed with their claim.

But the old officer had already paid in full.

He had given his life for England in the great retreat at Dunkirk.

"OPPENHEIM" JOBS FOR FIVE WOMEN

FIVE WOMEN DETECTIVES have been given jobs that will provide all the excitement of an Oppenheim thriller every day of their lives.

They have been appointed to the Special Branch of Scotland Yard which deals with political and international investigations.

Their new duties will take them into night clubs and the haunts of the wealthy following up clues of dangerous undesirables.

Two of the five women already have won recognition for their brilliant work in trailing I.R.A. terrorists and tracing and arresting enemy aliens.

All have had great experience

BOER WAR IRON RATION IS STANDBY NOW

An unused supply of iron ration issued during the Boer War lies in the larder of Mrs. W. Warnes, of Heigham Street, Norwich.

The iron ration, which has survived two wars and is again a standby in this, was issued to her soldier husband when he was fighting the Boers.

He never opened the hermetically sealed tin—it contains beef extract and cocoa powder—but presented it to his wife on his return home.

ISLES LOST TO HOMEYMOONERS

War has brought to Bermuda, the lonely British outpost 750 miles from New York, a complete transformation of its peacetime life.

The island used to be a paradise for honeymooners, who brought a revenue of £1,000,000 or more yearly, but it is now thronged with officials.

To keep an eye on spying and shipments of contraband, there is a staff of about 800 Government and Army authorities from Britain, best known of whom are the censors.

The censors have a staggering quantity of work, particularly since the Pan-American Airways Clippers and ships of the American Export Lines regularly touch at the island.

Passengers bound for the war zone have to give up any soap, matches, sugar, coffee, silk and other commodities declared contraband under the British blockade.

Despite the war and the absence of travellers to see the islands themselves, Bermuda is still attempting to picture them as an American holiday resort. But there are no more honeymoons in Bermuda.

Helped Smash Gangs

Some worked for a time with the Flying Squad in rounding up gangs of bag snatchers and thieves. They acted as decoys.

They succeeded in investigations among aliens when crack Yard detectives failed.

It was found that women aliens would talk to other women. But they would not say a word to men.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

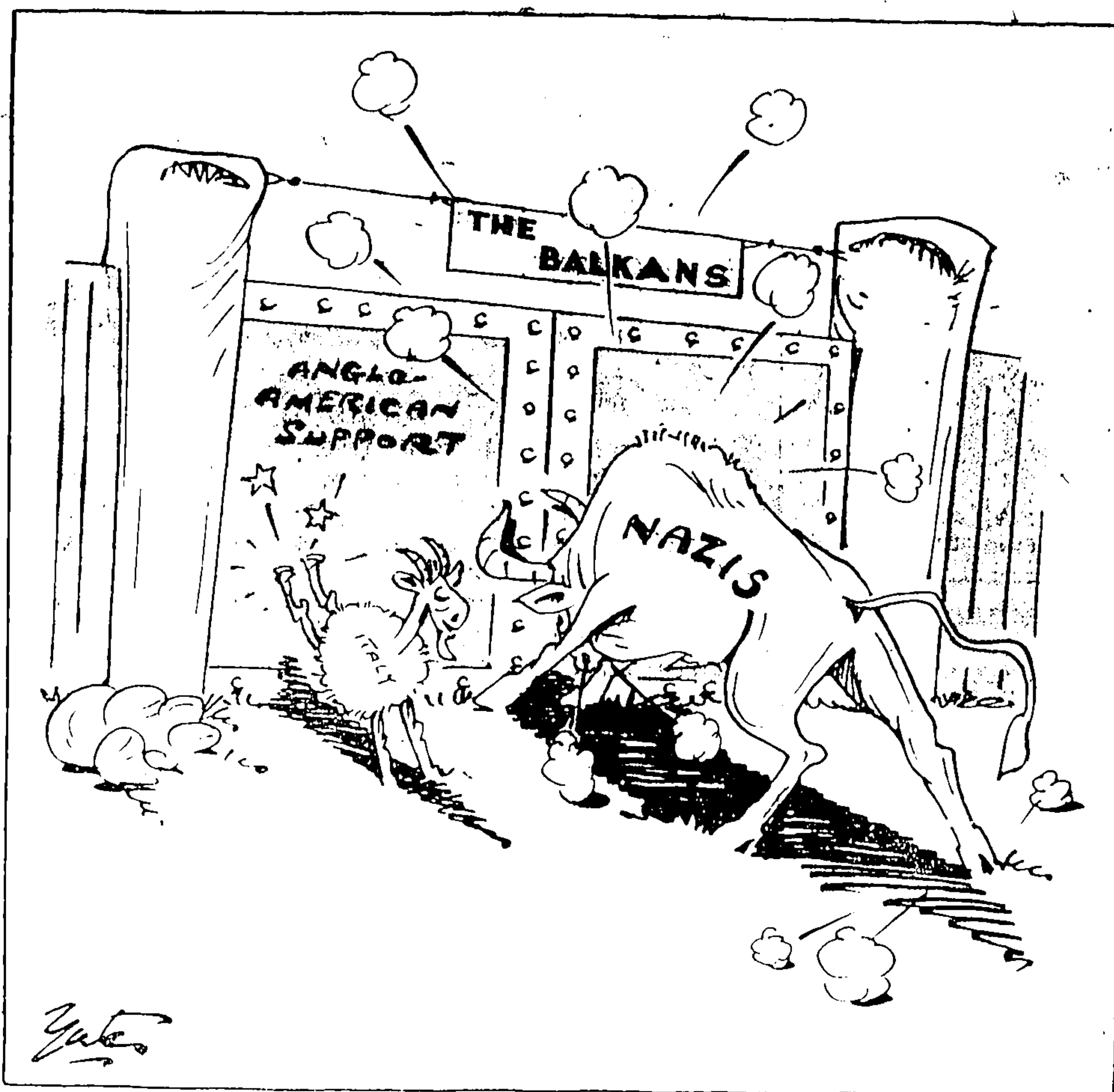
SPRING: 1941

For most people in this world Spring has tender associations. For Adolf Hitler it is otherwise. To him, when the hounds of Spring are on Winter's traces, when the Red Gods make their medicine anew, another sort of impulse comes. The sap of empire rises in him. He must break another promise, commit another treachery, destroy some nation's liberty.

It comes as no surprise, therefore, that he has invaded Greece and Yugoslavia—two small countries that have given him no offence, unless it is the unforgivable offence of refusing meek submission to dishonour and slavery. Men, women and children in both countries will die because of what Spring, the time of blossoming, the season of tenderness and hope, means to Hitler and what he has made it mean to the German nation.

But Hitler has not conquered Spring. No Fifth Column betrays the inexorable processes of Nature. There will be a season for Hitler upon which he cannot trample. It has happened before in the Balkans that when the snows melted liberty flamed and when the last gun has been fired, the event may show that even at this moment Hitler has begun something he cannot finish, that he has set in motion the ploughshare that will turn his evil system under.

On all sides in the Balkans, he is surrounded either by subjugated and hostile nations who wait only for a favourable moment to shake the neo-slavery from their shoulders and restore their independent existence, or by countries like Soviet Russia and Turkey, who if they have not yet moved in support of stricken Yugoslavia, are undisguisedly sympathetic and may yet provide Adolf Hitler with a sharp shock. Moreover, if Hitler has struck, he has this time been unable to develop deception and intrigue to the stage where invasion finds his intended victims unprepared. Not only are Greece and Yugoslavia fully mobilised, but a powerful British army is already on Balkan soil. Hitler may achieve his early successes, but the completion of the task may well try him beyond his worst expectations.



BULL AT THE GATE

Our Sheltered Lives

By Phillida Hughes

Yesterday, the children spent fourteen hours in a deep dug-out shelter, a deep dug-out in the bank where the practice of digging up each year the children's bodies. Poor little things, they were digging for their lives, and they became the prisoners of the day.

Evening, and the children were still in the dug-out. They were all tired, and they were all hungry. They were all cold, and they were all scared. They were all alone, and they were all together. They were all in the dug-out, and they were all in the dug-out.

All day I've worked to make the dug-out a home. I've made a picture of a tree. A little rug. A portable radio. I've made a little home for the children. I've made a little home for the children. I've made a little home for the children.

All this, and the children have been affected by the attack. They are all tired, and they are all hungry. They are all cold, and they are all scared. They are all alone, and they are all together. They are all in the dug-out, and they are all in the dug-out.

One hour later when I'm in the dug-out, I'm able to cry out, "I'm home!"

In the early days of the Blitz, the children were all in the dug-out. They were all tired, and they were all hungry. They were all cold, and they were all scared. They were all alone, and they were all together. They were all in the dug-out, and they were all in the dug-out.

By Phillida Hughes

Crack! There's a noise like an express train coming towards us and then the sound of falling coals. A Molotov Broadbasket, incendiary bomb! We run out into the garden and that, and the roadway beyond are dazzling with green and orange light. The children's faces appear at the dug-out door. May they help? We have them back. We bang hard at the fire bombs which glow fiercer and brighter as we bang them. There is a firework display all over the garden. Two perfect strangers come in to help and silently fac-

kle the cabbage bed, and, their work done, they slip away, spades over their shoulders waving aside our thanks. Violet and I feel elated at having put out nine bombs between us and then we think of our own house and rush upstairs to find a top floor room burning furiously.

Now it's come and we aren't doing anything, nothing that the patient Government has been telling us to do for months. Violet and I bump into each other in the dark for all the electric lights have fused and the telephone has gone too. We have nothing ready (so silly, because, of course, they won't come here) no candles or matches handy, the batteries have all run down in the torches, where are the gas masks? and this is the first night we didn't fill the bath, just in case.

We go out into the din, because by this time hell is let loose overhead, and cry fire! fire! until an elderly neighbour appears and hurries down the steps and up the stairs and is soon tackling the fire with soda water syphons because Violet and I are incapable of finding jugs or even knowing where they are kept. By this time a diminutive lady air-raid Warden has arrived with the Auxiliary Fire Fighting Service at her heels. "Go to it, lads", she cries and they plunge into the smoke. Have you a ladder? get us some flour then. The fire fighters look about eight feet tall in their Garry Cooper boots and faces gray with smoke. I keep running out through the barrage to see if the children are alright. They are. Oh, God! they are.

When I come back the fire is out and the lady Warden has dashed away to the next. The tallest fire fighter, who turns out to be a middle-aged business man, says he only got off the business train at 7.45 and was in his uniform by eight o'clock and that he has spoilt his best suit by falling flat in our garden as a high explosive whistled overhead and he gets no allowance for clothes, not even for his tin hat which he had to buy himself. I raise my eyebrows and click my tongue sympathetically because it's still too noisy to talk and amidst the smell of charred wood, and the mess of water and flour and the thick gray powder the bombs give out we offer them our last drop of gin which they refuse. So we make coffee and sit on the stairs drinking it and laughing like mad because our home is safe.

I tiptoe over to the dug-out. "Mind the light," says my elder daughter kindly. The younger child turns a page of her book, looks up and smiles, and returns to her book.

I go over again. They are fast asleep.

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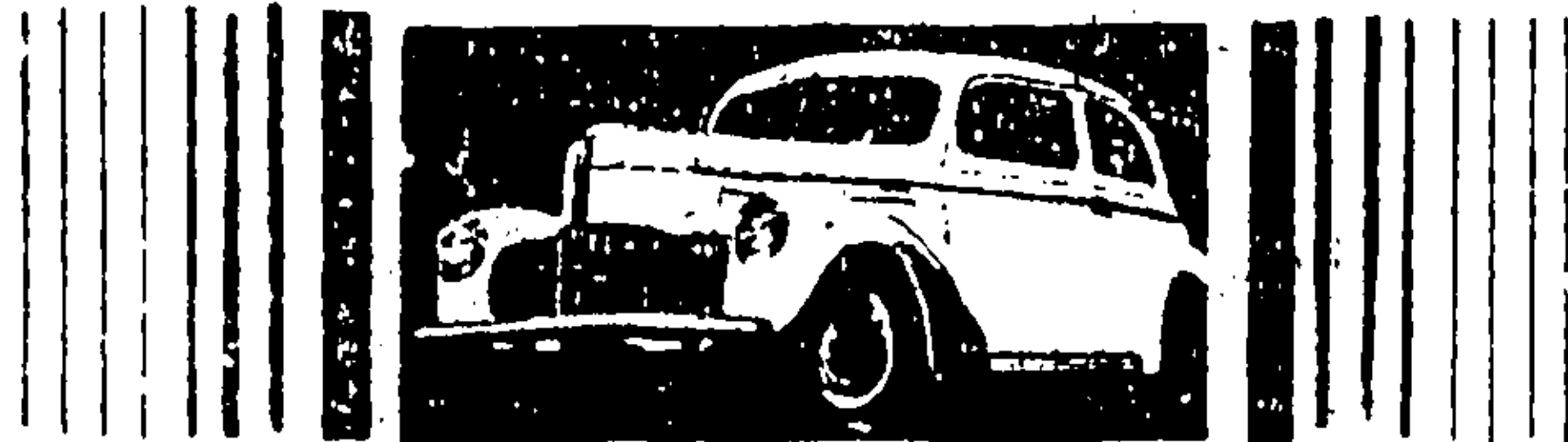
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MAINTENANCE COMMAND'S VITAL WORK

(By Wing Commander L. V. Fraser)

THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT by Lord Beaverbrook that vast reserves of fighters and bombers are being held all over England in secret storehouses ready for imminent operations, draws attention towards the work of a little known, but vitally important part of the R.A.F.'s organisation. This is the Maintenance Command.

The Maintenance Command stands ready to provide all equipment from a nut to new aircraft ready to take the air in Britain's increasing offensive. The following is the inside story of the department of the R.A.F.

The Maintenance Command is the universal provider for operational stations at home and abroad. Thousands of men and women, masters of almost every trade, are working at full speed to keep aircraft in the air, or should they be brought to the ground in unserviceable condition, to restore them to service with the minimum of delay.

One group deals with general equipment, such as barrack stores and clothing; another deals with complete aircraft. A third and fourth are concerned with ammunition, fuel and oil, and salvage and repair operations, respectively.

The repair depots are great workshops, dealing immediately with every repairable piece of R.A.F. equipment. Engines, honourably scarred on service, are brought to these workshops. Sometimes masses of dirty greasy metal are brought in which are hard to recognise; within a few hours this metal takes on a new appearance.

Parts Re-Conditioned

Various parts are re-conditioned and faulty parts replaced, and as trolied racks carry the engines round the workshop, they once more begin to take their accustomed shapes. In other workshops, instruments damaged in service are similarly re-conditioned. They too, whatever their condition when brought to the workshops, pass out perfect after the final inspection. Within the depots are foundries, where scrap metal is melted down and put into casting machines for re-making into machinery.

Salvage sections are constantly on the alert. Mobile unit stand by for 24 hours a day, and should any aircraft, including enemy planes, crash they move off immediately. The crash is located, and the wrecks either repaired or reduced to scrap. Even if an aeroplane crashes on a mountainside, salvage crews will dismantle it and move the parts carefully to proper destinations. Not one ounce of metal is wasted. The salvage parties climb up mountains where neither horse nor tractor could go. The parts of dismantled aircraft have to be carried by hand to a place where transportation can be obtained. During the bitter winter weather such parties worked through the night in bags or on frozen earth, but never once left the job half-finished.

Commercial End

In a sense the Maintenance Command is the commercial side of the R.A.F. It operates in a large, closely-knit system, which will follow the smallest part of an aircraft, or a whole new squadron, from the time it is ordered, to the time it is delivered, keeping a close check on every move.

Throughout the country there exist depots, stocked with every conceivable item. Three-quarters of a million different stores are classed by name, and any one can be obtained by sending a ten word message.

The greatest civilian business houses have been combed for technical or executive skill, to deal with the vast wholesale and retail distribution the command undertakes. Great stores are investigated for quick deliveries, and mail order systems of industrial combines examined for points. The value of decentralisation and efficient serving of the world's commercial carrier systems are looked into and when modified meet a greater business combination than even these civilian services handled.

Stocks, hundreds of millions of pounds in value, are stored, ship-

ped, checked and listed. A gigantic fleet of cars and lorries is constantly on the move all over Britain delivering supplies. Hundreds of thousands of tons of equipment and ammunition are handled by this road transport, which covers a million and a quarter miles a month. The total effort is equivalent to moving 70,000,000 tons of material around the earth in a year.

Ammunition Depot

In ammunition depots unending rows of heavy high explosives stand, giving an indication of the blow being struck at Germany.

One equipment depot alone averages nearly 50,000 postings of stock each month, and among the civilian staff working with the service is a strange assortment of people. Every unit is bound up with every other. If one cannot supply a certain part immediately, it is known which one can and in a few seconds orders can be sent to it.

Little is known of the vitally important task the Maintenance Command performs in carrying on its shoulders the business end of the R.A.F. It is operated by a keen, powerful body of men, all its heads being experts in their own sphere. The R.A.F. is never in doubt of the service behind it. Expansion of the force is increasing rapidly, but its needs have been foreseen and anticipated requirements can be steadily met.

PACIFISTS CAUSE A STRIKE

Wardens and first aid men walked out of Edgware Road Tube Station in London when they learned that stretcher-bearers attached to the shelter first aid post were pacifists.

These men members of the Pacifist Service Union, offered themselves for any suitable service, and were appointed to their job by the Marylebone Medical Officer of Health. Eight of them took it in turns to do duty at the Tube shelter.

Dressed in brown dungarees and wearing armbands with the initials "P.S.U.," they had been at Edgware Road Station for a fortnight before the shelter wardens realised they were pacifists. Someone had put up a card on the place they occupy: "Reserved for Pacifists."

"Are you pacifists?" asked a spokesman.

"Yes, definitely," was the reply.

"Well, we won't work here so long as you are on duty," said the warden—and the wardens marched out. St. John Ambulance men took the same decision.

Rescued A Woman

The chief warden has now recommended that the pacifists should be withdrawn.

One of the stretcher-bearers told a reporter:—

"Members of our organisation have done all kinds of service in this borough and elsewhere. Personally, I'd rather be doing

CRIPPLE BEATS U-BOAT

A crippled British cargo boat, steaming at only two knots in the Atlantic, fought a powerful U-boat with her one gun — and won.

The submarine was left helpless on the surface, with clouds of smoke and fumes pouring from her.

The ship was the Sarastone, of Llandelly, in command of Captain John Herbert. She was in an Atlantic convoy when boiler trouble reduced her speed to two knots. The convoy went on. Captain Herbert decided to make for Lisbon.

Two days later the Sarastone's men saw the U-boat surfacing three miles away.

Smashed Heavy Gun

Captain Herbert held the fire of his twelve-pounder gun.

The Sarastone was going so slowly that the U-boat apparently thought she was stopped, and approached from astern. When the Germans were two miles off they opened fire with a light gun and missed.

The Sarastone's twelve-pounder replied, but the shell fell short.

The British seamen saw the Germans bring the U-boat's heavy gun to bear on their ship.

At that moment the Sarastone's gunner fired a second time. This shell burst under the submarine's heavy gun and put it out of action.

Second Hit

This reduced the fight to a duel between light guns. And the Sarastone's 12-pounder scored a second hit. A shell crashed aft on the submarine.

The Sarastone's delighted crew saw clouds of smoke and yellow flames coming from the U-boat which, however, continued to fire the light gun and a pom-pom.

The action went on until the Sarastone's gunners, having loosed off twenty-seven rounds, realised that the submarine had stopped.

Undamaged by the enemy's fire, the crippled Sarastone steamed on. The submarine lay astern, even more crippled.

COME TO SHOOT YOU BOY TELLS MASTER

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD HAROLD WAGNER, SUSPENDED FROM HIS SCHOOL IN BROOKLYN, U.S.A., FOR THROWING ROCKS THROUGH THE WINDOWS, WALKED INTO THE ROOM OF THE HEADMASTER, MR. MILTON SALT, AND CALMLY ANNOUNCED, "I CAME HERE TO SHOOT YOU."

Then, pulling out a sawn-off rifle, he fired at the principal.

Mr. Salt, wounded in the shoulder, rushed forward and pinned Harold to the floor, held him there until two clerks took charge of the boy.

The schoolmaster was taken to hospital, where his wound was found not to be serious, and Harold was taken to the police station.

rescue work.

"The other night we spent an hour getting a woman out of the basement of a building hit by a bomb. A gas main had burst. Three of us had to be carried to a first-aid post for treatment but we got the woman out."

The chief warden said:—"I am afraid our fellows acted a little hastily by walking out. But they are back on duty tonight."

"The pacifist volunteers are no longer here. We are making other arrangements to replace them."

SAW BULLETS SHATTER HIS COCKPIT---SAFE

AS HE SQUEEZED through his blazing plane to bale out, the pilot of a British bomber over Southern Albania saw his seat and instrument panel fly to pieces under a hail of Italian machine-gun bullets.

He jumped—and his parachute harness, nicked by a bullet, jerked one of his legs up behind his neck and broke it just above the knee.

Then, as he floated down with a bullet through his elbow, an Italian fighter came after him and put twenty-bullets through his parachute. But the British pilot, a twenty-three-year-old flight-lieutenant, of Woodchurch, Kent, lived.

Twelve days after his machine was seen in flames and its crew given up as lost, he and his men turned up at their base—all except the gunner, who was killed.

Sitting up in bed, his leg and arm in splints, the pilot said:

"We had dropped our bombs. Then Italian fighters were after us. A Macchi 200 got a good burst in, and suddenly the fuselage between the cockpit and the gunner's turret burst into a blazing furnace.

"I told the crew to jump, but from the gunner, whose gun had stopped firing, I could get no reply.

"The observer climbed out first and was gone, but the hatch on my side stuck, so I moved over to follow the observer.

"Jolly fortunate I did so, for just as I was squeezing through to the hatch an enemy fighter let another burst into our aircraft, this time destroying my seat and the instrument panel. I saw it go to pieces as I was about to jump.

In Greek Lines

"When I did bale out, part of my parachute harness caught round my leg. As the parachute opened, my leg was jerked up and broken.

"I was not in the good a shape because of the bullet through the elbow. With twenty bullets through my parachute, we counted the holes later. I landed pretty heavily.

"My observer came down at a village further away in the valley. After half an hour Greek soldiers found me.

"Soldiers bandaged me up, found a stretcher, and for four days carried me cheerfully over the mountains, often through deep snow and along narrow mountain tracks with precipitous edges.

"Looking over the side of my stretcher I saw a horrid view, yet my sure-footed helpers never slipped or slithered.

"We stopped at nights in villages. Local soldiers and a few civilians were good to us. At last we reached Koritza then on to Florina, where my leg and arm were put in splints.

"My observer, who was O.K., except for burns on the face and hands, went back to the job.

"I went to hospital. It was certainly an experience, nice to look back upon, anyhow."

BALLOONS HIT CABLES

Drifting barrage balloons hitting cables caused an extensive interruption of electricity supplies in many districts south of the Thames and in south-west England.

The balloons, breaking away from their moorings, became entangled in vital electricity cables, short circuiting them.

Some places were without power for several hours.

Richmond and Twickenham were among the districts affected. In some parts of Richmond the light went off and on three times.

Owing to the electricity supply having failed, candles and an oil lamp were used in the blacked-out court at Dorchester when Private David Miller Jennings, twenty, was again remanded on a charge of murdering Albert Edward Farley.

EVEN SEX APPEAL CHANGED

Even sex appeal is changing these days, and it's not the fault of the war either. The man who says so has directed most of the screen's glamour girls for the past twenty years.

"We don't call it sex appeal today, we call it glamour," Clarence Brown, the director, told a reporter. "In the old days we dressed sex appeal up in black satin and bedecked it with jewels, then we sat it in a corner.

"To-day it romps all over the screen, gets its face dirty and its hair uncombed. It has chucked the black satin for simple sports frocks. It has come out of the boudoir and into the open."

At present Brown is directing James Stewart and Hedy Lamarr in Metro's "Come Live With Me."

"Mrs. Lamarr would never have been able to wear anything but skim-tight black satin in the old days," he said, "but look at her now. Her suits are straight-lined, she does not drop her eyes and gaze at the hero through half-closed lids. When the camera demands she raise her fists, and the audience love it."

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DREAM OF 1760 AIDS WAR TO-DAY

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And this shot is made in the same place in Bristol and in the same manner that it was made in 1769.

Actually Edward Dowling who has been the shotmaker for forty-six years owes his job to a dream.

Roof Experiment

For one night in the 1760's William Watts, who eventually sold his patent for £10,000, dreamed that he dropped molten lead from the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe into the moat, and that it came out resembling slugs.

He tried the experiment from the church roof with his wife holding a bucket of water below and found he was right.

Then he took a house nearby, cut away the floors of the tower to allow a clear space down through the cellar to a well below and dropped his lead 120ft. from the top floor.

To-day the house, known as the Bristol shot tower stands unnoticed in a busy main thoroughfare. And Dowling, whose father held the job for thirty years before him drops his lead from precisely the same spot into precisely the same well as did Watts.

WILL TRIBUTE TO POLICE

Mrs. Kathleen Mary Epplesstone Dehman, widow, of The Hermitage, Richmond, Surrey, in her will left £20 to the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage "in gratitude for the untiring courtesy to me of the police."

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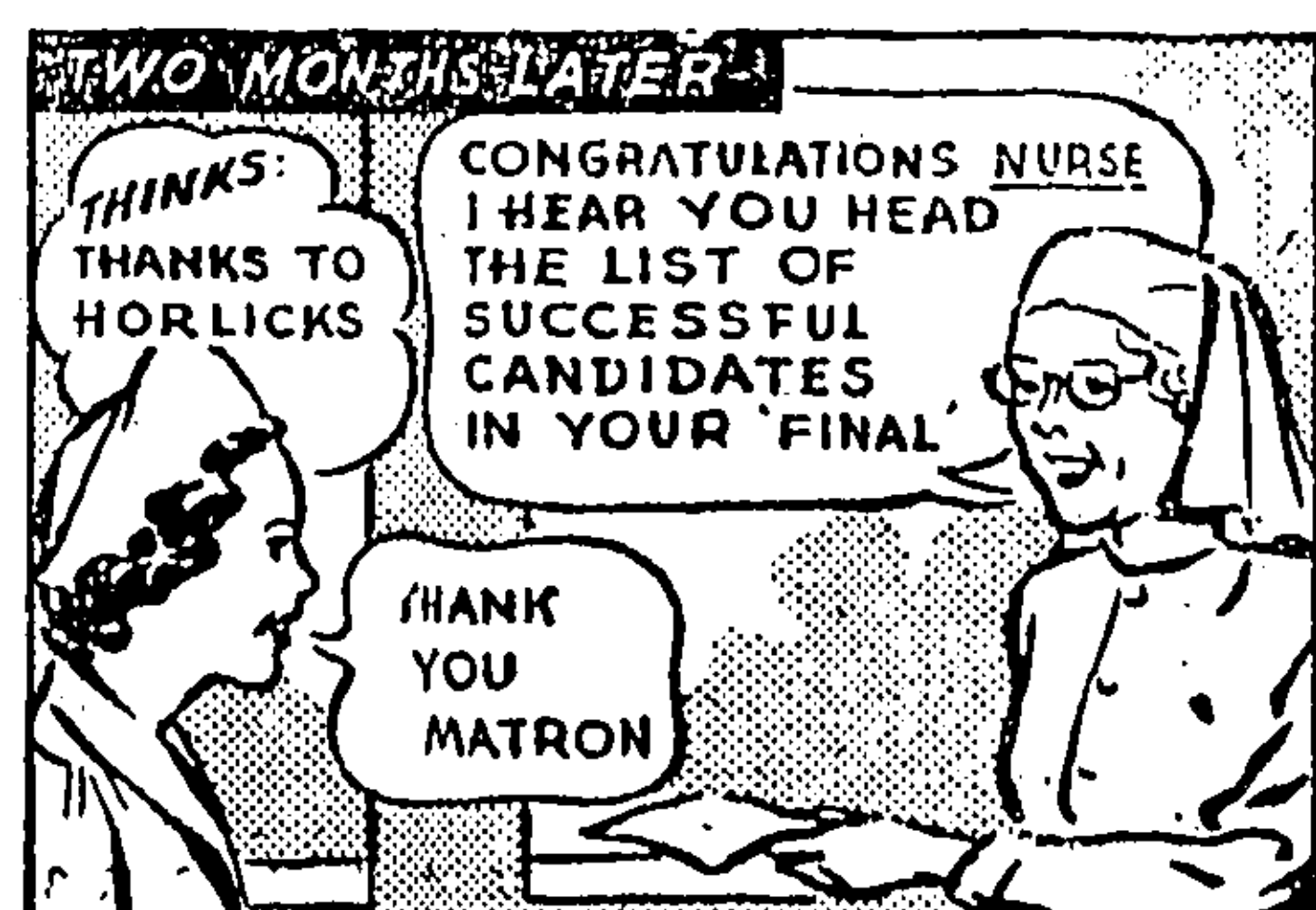
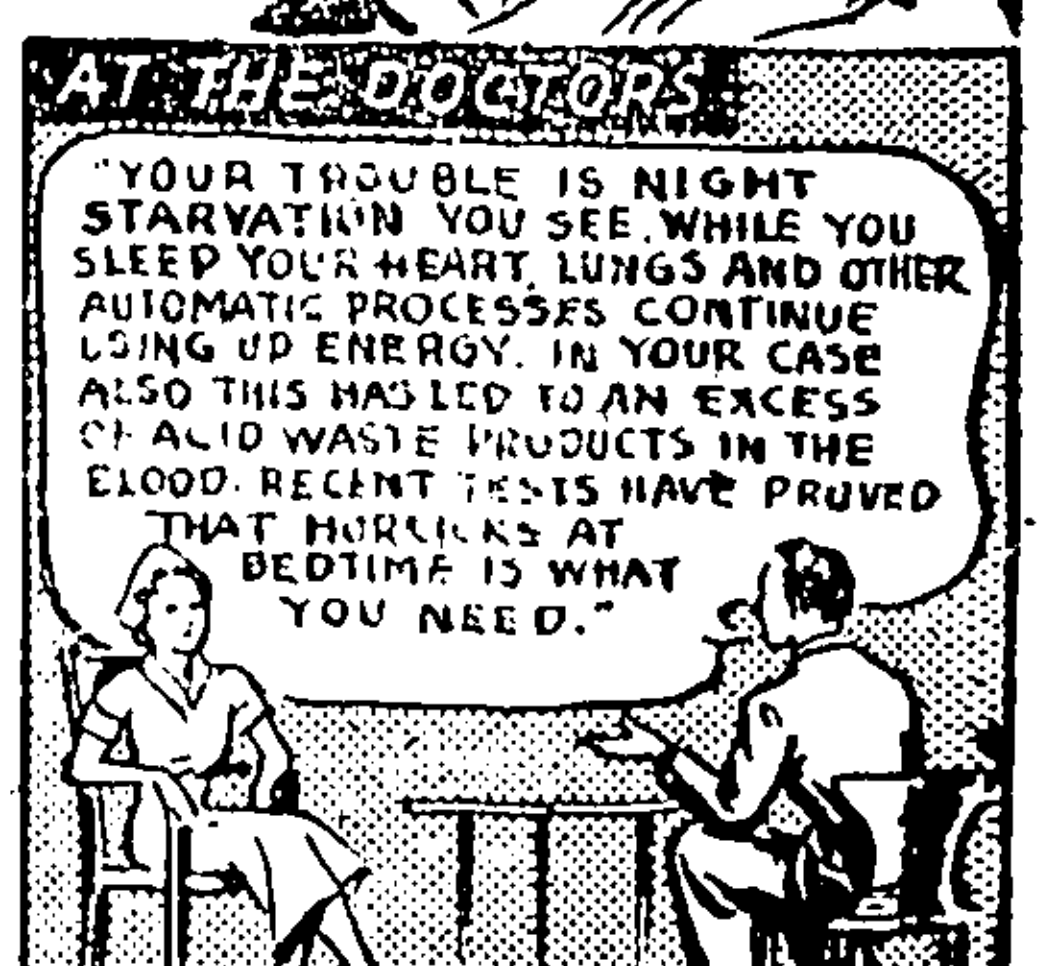
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The First Bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on both days.

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Secretary.

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Every player occasionally finds himself in a pickle from which only a miracle can extricate him. Our teammate, Oswald Jacoby, found such a hand the other day, and managed to help the miracle along:

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
North-South 80 part score

♠ 2
♥ Q 8 7 4
♦ A J 10 9 6
♣ A K 9

♠ 9 7 4
♥ K J 6 3 2
♦ Q 5 2
♣ 6 4

♠ A K Q 10 8 6 3
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ J 5
♣ Mr. Jacoby

The bidding:
North East South West

1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
3NT Pass 6♠ Pass

West led the three of hearts, which Jacoby took with the ace. Jacoby's distribution was 4-4-3-2. East returned the spade jack, and our partner was in the lead, wondering what to play to save for his strength trick.

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MAKE WAY FOR THE DUCHESS'

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

"Make way for the Duchess" is the slogan which British refugees from Nazi-occupied countries, tired and worn, and often penniless, have adopted to describe the efforts of the British Repatriation Office to get them home.

The band of English women volunteers who assist at the office in one neutral country appear to be putting their own society and titled friends from Riviera villas first on the passenger lists.

Ordinary Mr. and Mrs. Refugee, who may be anxious to get back to a job in Britain, make no complaint about that. But they do complain that the inability of the "Duchesses" to know their own minds for two minutes at a time is unfair to them, for they are kept waiting while the "Duchess" decides whether she'll take the cabin offered her or whether she will return to England at all.

Meanwhile, awaiting her decision, less influential refugees are kept dancing uncertainly between offices, passport bureaux and shipping agencies.

Red Tape—And Strings

If at the last moment the "Duchess" decides she can travel without hot water in her cabin, the less privileged ones have to stand aside.

"Come back again, there may be room for you in the next boat," they are told. When they come back they are treated with scant courtesy.

One white-haired little woman, who had just got out of France, was told by one of these women helpers: "What do you want to return to England for? Old people like you are no use in England, anyway."

"Perhaps not," she replied "but I nursed the mother of my generation through the last war, and since my two sons were killed at Dunkirk, I'd like to get back where I have friends."

In fairness, it should be said that this woman did get back to England immediately. But the red tape system with strings on it is continuing.



The trouble with running into a shoe sale is that a girl is tempted to overstock.

COURT MARTIAL OF D.S.O. CAPTAIN

The trial of Captain Fane Andrew James Macfarlane, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.C.M., aged sixty-seven, of the London Scottish, by general court-martial ended at Mytchett, near Aldershot. He was found not guilty on six charges of causing by negligence a loss to public funds of sums totalling £180.

Findings of the Court on six other charges of fraudulently misapplying this money to his own use will be made known later.

Evidence was given by the Aldershot Command psychologist, Major E. A. Bennett that Macfarlane was suffering from a trouble which affected his efficiency and his mind.

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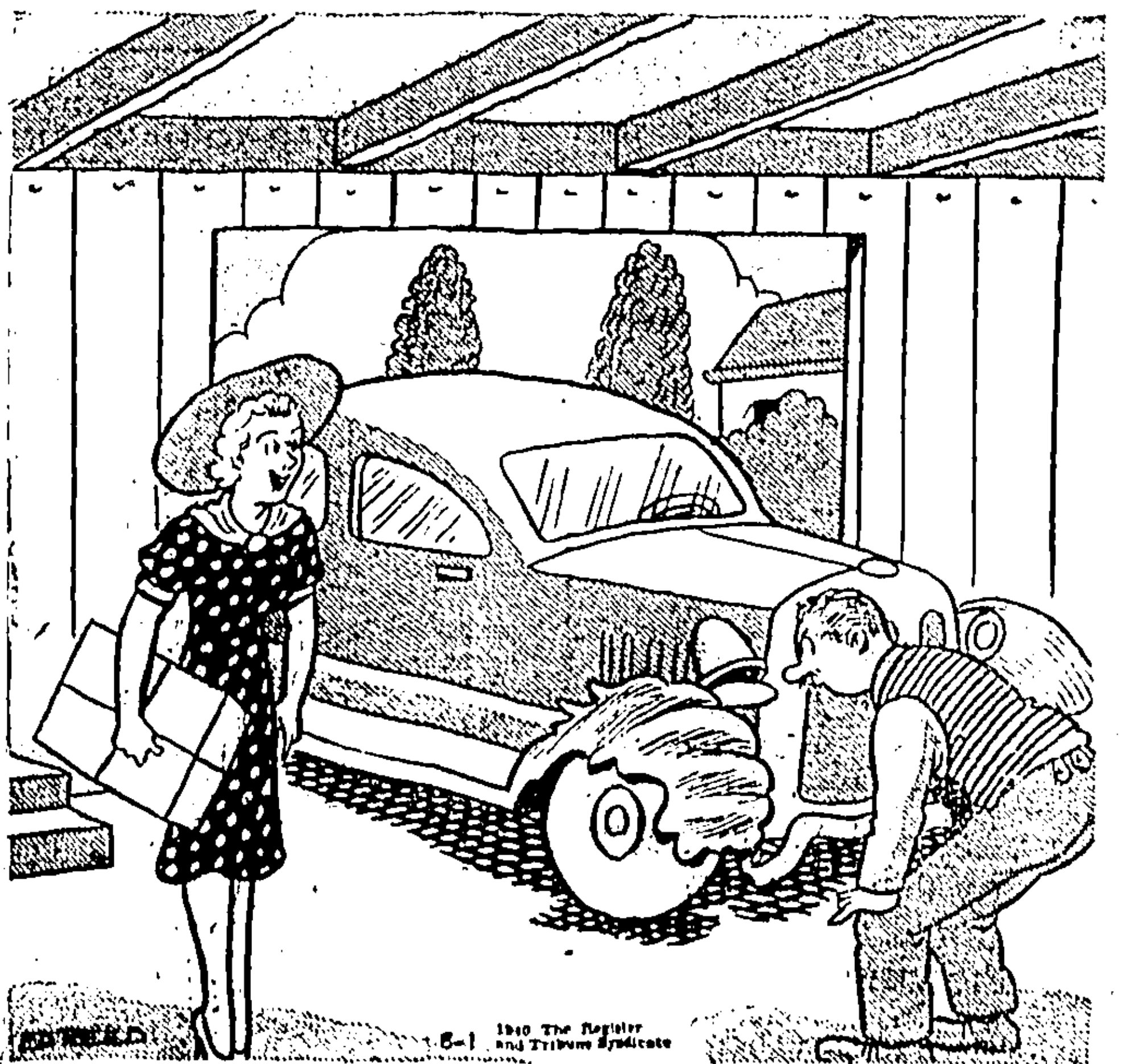
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Vitamin B Complex

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banish a goodly amount of Vitamin B complex. You see this is why one should eat breads made of whole grains, wild rice instead of polished rice, and the skins of

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In Choosing Food

In selecting your vegetable and fruits at the market you should must often those which have been sun ripened. Vegetables need the sun for full growth, just as do we and there is a chemical benefit from the sun on plants and on the body which has not as yet been fully explored. Sun is very necessary, get it whenever you can. Return vegetables that have been picked young and ripened after they have been picked, that is if you want to get the most health and beauty for your money.

Those of you who pick at food and have many food dislikes are doing yourself an injustice and no one else, not even the cook or mother. We need a well balanced diet as I repeat and repeat. We need plenty of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables, we need whole grains, honey, some meats (especially liver), some fish, all the dairy foods. None of these need be prepared in fancy manner—in fact the more you eat simply cooked or raw the better will be your beauty!

ed). Hold the book in position without bending your knees the slightest. That calls for a good stretching and to make it the first time you should sit erectly, grow tall from the waist, raise your arms overhead and swing them forward to touch the book. Do this several times.

Your next exercise is a bit more difficult and take it easy at first. Hold the book between your feet without the aid of your hands and carry it up in the air and over in a semi-somersault. (See Stretch 2). Once you master this last one with ease you are well on the road to figure agility and beauty!

Benefits of exercises: Your spine and neck muscles are stretched, your abdomen is trained in and up, your bust muscles are firm, your thigh and hip measurements are streamlined a bit every time you make that semi-somersault!

Make Refashioning Fun

Don't sit and groan about your figure condition or wish you had money enough to have it refashioned by massage. Simply resolve to have fun each day as you exercise so you will not mind spending from fifteen minutes to a half hour limbering and remodeling.

You do not need to have a specific programme even. Once you have limbered your body so it doesn't feel as if it would break in two when you pick up something from the floor, you can pretty well add almost any movement to your routine and benefit by it. Movement is life, sufficient body movement will bring beauty to it.

A group of women wrote me that they have formed a "Tea-Time Exercise Class," and are having great fun. Instead of meeting for bridge, or gossip, or eating between meal snacks, these neighbours meet to exercise. They push the furniture in corners and go to it with the aid of radio music and they write they are feeling fine and their figures are improving. The interesting part is, each of them has a specific figure flaw but they have dis-

covered to their surprise that the same exercises are helping all of them! It is a good idea for other groups of women.

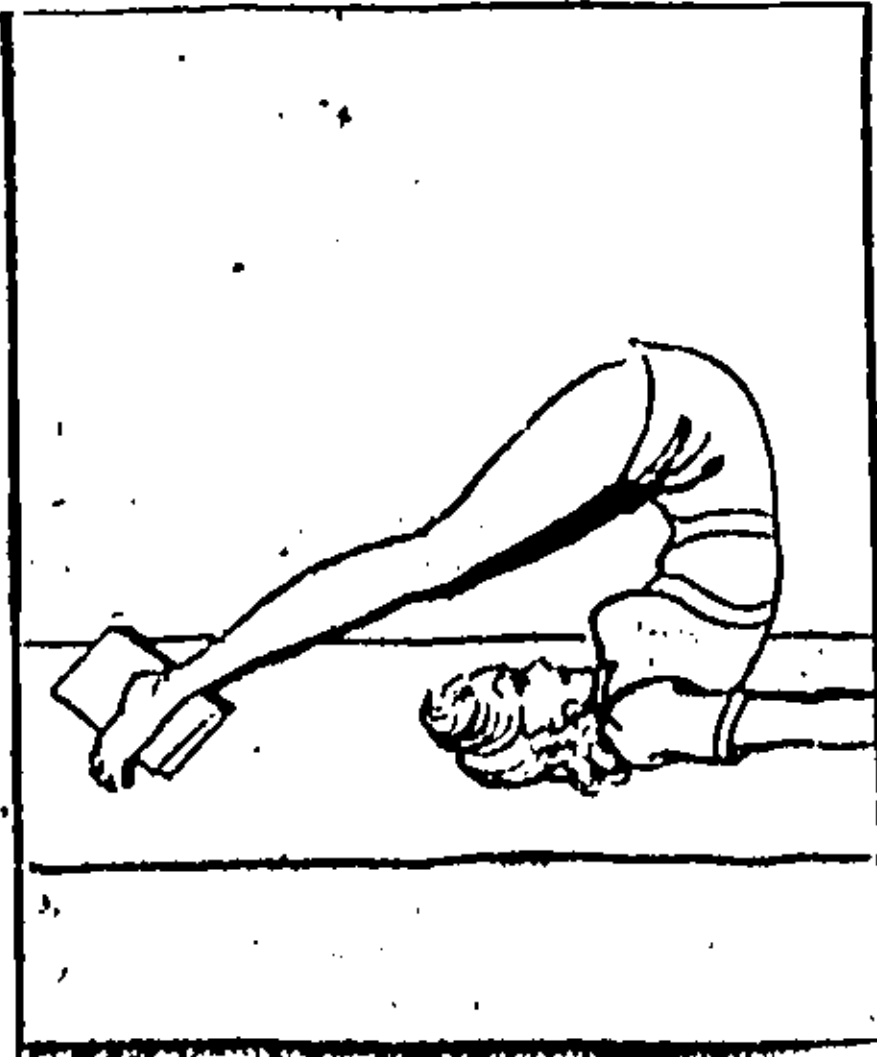
Play With A Book

Time and again, I have told women through this column that it is the stretching that counts in exercising. If you stretch your muscles and keep them elastic you will have little difficulty in standing and walking and dancing in correct posture. If you hold yourself in good posture your figure will benefit—it will grow prettier and the flesh will distribute itself normally. If you stretch through exercising faithfully and watch your diet excess pounds will gradually disappear. What weight remains should be firm and pleasing in contour.

What Counts

Instead of sitting down reading a book to-day and munching on sweets, use the book to exercise and have a little fun.

Place it between your feet after your legs have been stretched out on the floor (Stretch 1 illustrated).

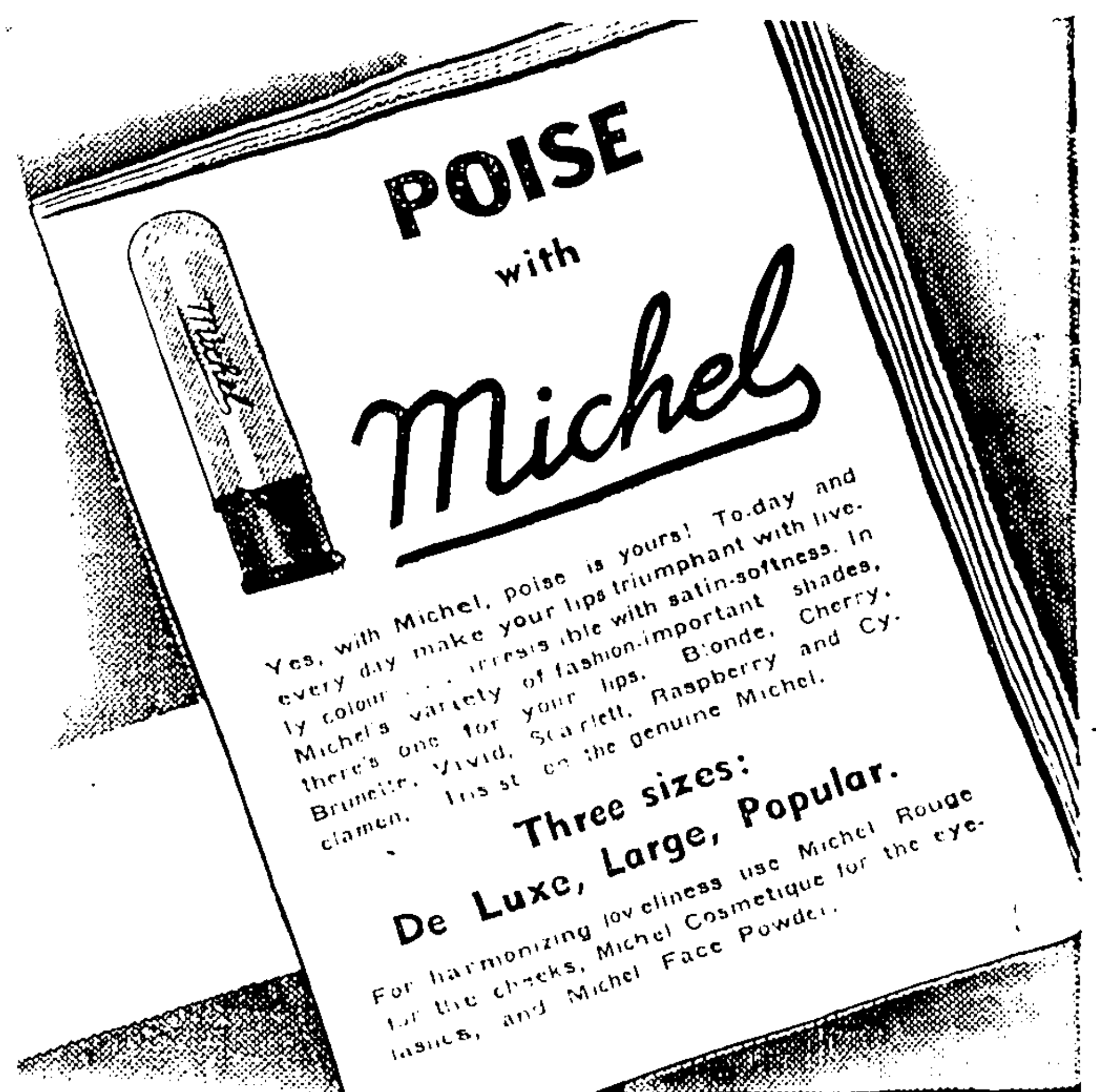


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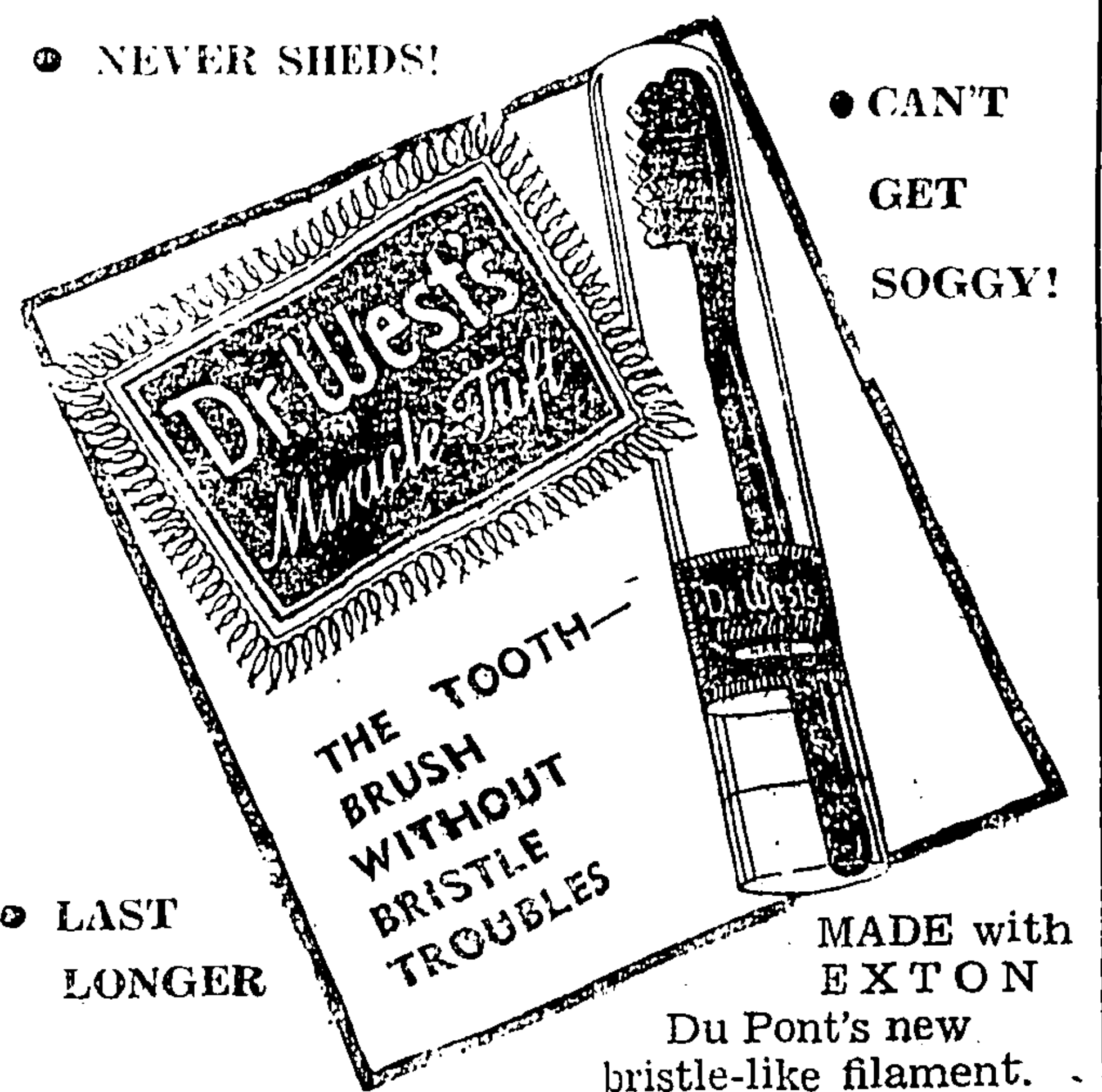
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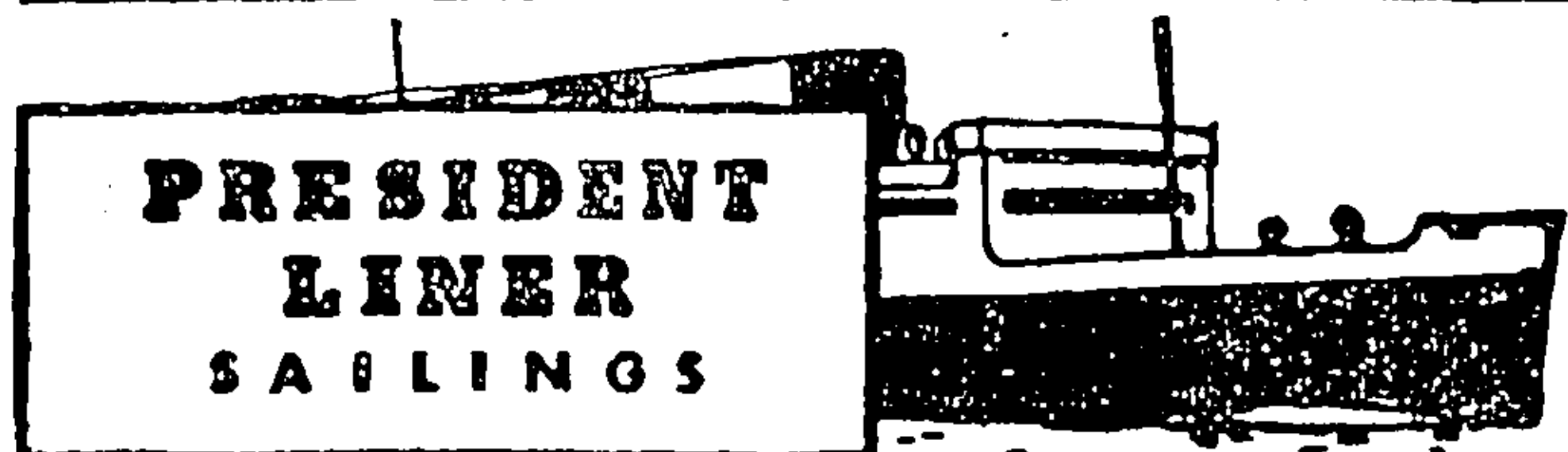
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Three Bristol Sea Scouts brave the blitz at night to run a mobile canteen for A.F.S. men—the only lads in the country to do such work unaided by adults. They belong to the 1st Bristol Y.M.C.A. troop and the Y.M.C.A. gives them the canteen.

When the barge which was their headquarters was sunk in a blitz, the lads transferred their penicillin to the mobile canteen. Now, with colours flying, they go out into the darkness driven by seventeen-year-old Ivor Rudge, who though he can go anywhere by night, has never yet driven in daylight.

100 Gallons Of Tea

Teamaker of the trio is John Rex, fifteen. He can turn out 100 gallons a night, and A.F.S. men say he makes the best tea in Bristol. Third member of the party is Tom Summers, "sandwich king," who is also understudying Ivor at the wheel. John, who works in the advertisement department of a newspaper office, told a reporter that his recipe for good tea was just to add that "other little spoonful the others haven't got" to the pot.

Introduced To King

Ivor, a Post Office messenger has been driving only for a month.

He is an A.R.P. messenger as well, and was introduced to the King during his Majesty's tour of Bristol.

When a reporter asked him why the King shook him by the hand, he mumbled something about having had the luck to get some people out of bombed houses.

The lads are ready for any sort of blitz, and are willing to guarantee that not one civil defender worker in Bristol will go unfed during the night if they have anything to do with it.

Our Little Garden Suburb; Ukulele Lady, Who tied the can on the old dog's tail; Norah Blaney and Gwen Farrar (Vocal Duets) with Piano. Musical Comedy Memories—Intro: Who; Lady be Good; Desert Song; Look for the Silver Lining; Rose Marie; London Palladium Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—Compositions of Schumann Papillons, Op. 2; Alfred Corti (Piano); The Lotus Flower; Benjamin Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Carnival—Ballet Music; London Ballet Orchestra; The Two Grenadiers; Peter Dawson (Bass Baritone) with Orchestra; Traumerel; Massed Orchestra of Cellos.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad".

10.15 p.m.—Gounod's "Faust" Acts IV & V. Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Marguerite; Miriam Licette (Soprano); Mephistopheles; Robert Easton (Bass); Siebel; Doris Vane (Soprano); Valentine; Harold Williams (Baritone); Faust; Heddie Nash (Tenor) with The B.B.C. Choir and Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

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The climber was David Miles, a London University student evacuated to Bangor College. His home is at Hillside Drive, Edgware, Middlesex.

When Miles was found by climbers, he was still conscious.

His head was injured, his feet and other parts of his body were frozen.

He had lost consciousness when he reached the infirmary after a road journey of ten miles in an ambulance.

Miles had been climbing the Butte on his own. He had presumed that he slipped.

SPITFIRE ACES SEE BOMB HITS TYPISTS

A GIRL WHO put on a steel helmet and carried on at her Spitfire bench while bombs crashed nearby, stopped work — for a few seconds — to talk to two Spitfire fighter pilots.

"You're great heroes," said the girl, Joyce Green, aged eighteen. "You're doing as much as we are," replied the airmen.

Pilot-Officer H. M. Stephen, D.S.O., D.F.C. and Bar, and Flight-Lieut. J. H. (Mungo) Park, D.F.C., had taken a day off from fighting to see how their 'planes were made.

She's Engaged To An R.A.F. Corporal

"I am glad to have met you," said Joyce, stepping from behind her bench with a smile. "We are proud of you all."

She was running back to her work when the factory foreman grabbed her by the arm. "Halt a minute," he said, "while I tell them about you."

Joyce blushed, looked at her engagement ring, and said: "I can't stay long."

"We think a lot of Joyce," said the foreman. "She had an important job to finish when there was a raid on."

"All the other girls had gone to the shelters, but Joyce just put on a tin hat and went on working."

"That's the stuff," said Pilot-Officer Stephen. "You will help to win the war more quickly that way."

"The management sent me a nice letter," said Joyce, "and my boy, a corporal in the R.A.F., was very pleased."

He Knew Then

As the pilots toured the factory boys, asking questions and seeing how the 10,000 parts of a Spitfire were made, the workers glanced admiringly at the medal ribbons they wore.

One worker looked intently at a newspaper cutting.

Suddenly he put a piece of metal down and walked up and saluted Pilot-Officer Stephen.

Then he held out his hand and said: "It's an honour to meet you, sir."

At another bench the two pilots paused to watch a workman putting rivets into the leading edge of a wing.

"Have a go yourself," said the worker, handing over the electric riveter. Stephen tried his hand at the job.

"This thing goes too fast for me," he said.

The pilot put in a dozen rivets and said he hoped he would not have to fly that plane.

BOMB HITS TYPISTS

A number of girl typists were injured and one was killed when a daylight raider dive-bombed business premises on the outskirts of London. Nine bombs were dropped and two hit the offices.

The blast hurled the girls out of their seats and the desks and office furniture fell on top of them.

A buyer, Mr. F. C. Jackson, who had worked there forty years, was also killed. The dead typist was Miss Conwell, aged twenty.

The firm's own A.R.P. party evacuated the girls and attended to their injuries, then carried them through the wrecked offices to ambulances.

Another bomb hit one of the oldest parish churches in London, wrecking the altar. Other bombs fell in the cemetery hurling tombstones in all directions.

Bomb Among Beer

Two men and a woman were injured when an A.A. shell crashed through the roof of a famous public house, the White Horse, Brixton Road, S. W., when A.A. batteries were firing at a raider.

The shell penetrated to the cellar where it exploded and shattered two barrels of beer. Eight bombs dropped at a village in the Home Counties fell in fields, killing two cows. A cowman named Carmore flung himself in a ditch and escaped unhurt.

Diving out of the clouds, an enemy plane machine-gunned a crowded express train from London, which had slowed down near an East Anglian railway station. No one was hurt.

WEST-END FEAST FOR EAST ENDERS

Twenty-four little children of London's East End are to have a treat in the West End.

All have lost their homes in the blitz. They are being treated to a theatre show and dinner by American friends they have never met.

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British achievements in this war are not those of a class, but of a nation, said the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education at Leeds.

The test of the beaches of Dunkirk and the glorious story of the Battle of the Skies had proved the essential soundness and toughness of British democracy.

English education had been too much stratified into social grades and at an early age had segregated youths, giving them a narrow class outlook and forcing them to associate almost entirely with those of similar gifts to their own.

The secondary school was not free from this limitation.

The Board intended to further the Prime Minister's policy of "establishing a state of society where the advantages and privileges which hitherto have been enjoyed only by the few shall be far more widely shared."

BOY DEATH MYSTERY

A boy of fifteen who was found dead on a couch at his home, was said to have been going about with a girl of his own age.

He had told his friends that he was going to Durham to see her, but had not told his mother.

The boy, Maurice Ernest Hunt, engineer fitter's assistant, lived at Leicester, and at the inquest there it was stated that there was nothing to indicate the cause of death.

"The death is mysterious, even after a post-mortem examination," commented the coroner.

Mrs. Rachel Hunt said she found her son lying dead on a couch on Sunday morning. He was wearing his raincoat.

She had not seen him since the previous evening, when he left home with his brother's cycle saying he was going to the police station to ask about his own cycle which had been stolen.

No trace of the cycle with which he left home had been found.

VARIED PROGRAMME OF ARMY SPORTING EVENTS

Hockey, Rugby And Boxing Finals This Week

Army To Meet Police In Charity Soccer Game

By "Squaddy"

THE FINAL of the Inter-Unit team boxing competition will take place at Murray Barracks to-morrow night between Royal Scots and Middlesex.

Royal Artillery, who were previously drawn against Royal Scots, have withdrawn from the competition owing to the lack of numbers as a full team is 15 men.

The General Officer Commanding, Major-General A. E. Gravel, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., is attending the boxing and will most probably present the prizes at the conclusion of the competition.

The weighing in for this event will take place at Murray Barracks to-morrow morning and the teams will then be made known.

HOCKEY

THE Army Six A-Side hockey tournament will commence to-morrow at Sookunpoo with the preliminary and First Rounds. The second rounds will be played on Thursday at Sookunpoo.

The following is the draw for to-morrow's games:

2 p.m. Royal Signals v 2/14 Punjab Regt. 'A'; 2.20 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. 'A' v R.A.O.C.; 2.40 p.m. H.K.S.R.A. 'B' v 2/14 Punjab Regt. 'B'; 3 p.m. H.K.S.R.A. v Middlesex Regt. 'A'; 3.20 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. 'A' v R.A.S.C.; 4 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. 'A' v C.M. Hospital; 3.40 p.m. R.E. 'B' v R.E. 'C'; 4.20 p.m. R.A.F. v R.A.M.C.; 4.40 p.m. Middlesex Regt. 'B' v R.E. 'A'.

5th A.A. Regt. 'A' and Middlesex both have strong teams and I think that one of these should pull off this competition.

FOOTBALL

THE football season is nearly finished and Middlesex and Royal Scots have one more match each to play in the Senior Division.

Royal Engineers have won the Second Division with the R.A.S.C. runners' up, and in the Third Division Royal Air Force and Royal Signals have to play off for the title before the Champions v the Rest game at Caroline Hill. This game should be worth watching with both sides keen to secure the honours.

The Army team were unlucky last Saturday not to win the Kottewal Cup.

The game, between South China and the Army, had to result in a

win for the Army for them to secure the trophy. They were leading until the last minute of the match when the Chinese drew level.

They were in no way disgraced by the result and played up to expectations. The Army may have one more game before the close of the season, and that against Hong Kong Police in aid of Charity. The date will be notified later.

It is notified for information that the prices for admission to football grounds, controlled by the Football Association, will for Service personnel only be 60 cents to all covered stands, and 40 cents to uncovered stands. This does not apply to the Army ground at Sookunpoo where the prices will remain the same.

ROYAL Army Service Corps, who are favoured to win the Junior Shield on Saturday against South China, have been in strict training and have been working out some new moves for the match which they will not disclose to anyone.

ATHLETICS

TO-MORROW, Middlesex Regiment will meet Hong Kong University at Shamshuipo in a field and track athletic meeting.

This is to enable them to select their team for the Command Athletic Meeting which takes place on April 22, 23 and 24.

Middlesex Regt. have also been asked to produce a team to compete against the Chinese at Caroline Hill on Sunday, May 4.

WAR CUP SEMI-FINALS

The draw for the semi-finals of the War Cup to be played on Saturday is: Preston v Sheffield United or Newcastle.

Tottenham Hotspurs or Arsenal v Leicester.

The matches will be played on the ground of the first named club unless a mutual arrangement is made.

The final will be played on May 10. Reuter.

COMMAND SPORTING EVENTS FOR WEEK

TO-DAY
RUGBY — Army Seven-a-Side Tournament (First Round): (Sookunpoo, at 3.00 p.m.).

TO-MORROW
BOXING — Inter-Unit Team Boxing competition (Final): Middlesex v Royal Scots (Murray Barracks, at 8.30 p.m.).

HOCKEY — Six-a-Side Hockey Tournament (Preliminary and First Round): 2.00 p.m. Royal Signals v 2/14th Punjab Regt. 'A'; 2.20 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. 'A' v R.A.O.C. 2.40 p.m. H.K.S.R.A. 'B' v 2/14th Punjab Regt. 'B'; 3.00 p.m. H.K.S.R.A. 'A' v Middlesex 'A'; 3.20 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. 'A' v R.A.S.C. 3.40 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. 'A' v C.M. Hospital; 4.00 p.m. R.E. 'B' v R.E. 'C'; 4.20 p.m. R.A.F. v R.A.M.C.; 4.40 p.m. Middlesex Regt. 'B' v R.E. 'A'.

TO-MORROW
RUGBY — Seven-a-Side (Finals): (Sookunpoo, at 3.00 p.m.).
FOOTBALL — Senior and Junior Shield Finals: Senior Shield—South China v Royal Navy (Causeway Bay, at 4.30 p.m.). Junior Shield—South China v R.A.S.C. (Causeway Bay, at 3.00 p.m.).

MR. PETER WEI UNSEATED

A rather unusual accident occurred this morning at the Valley in which Mr. Peter Wei was involved.

He took out Mr. Ciro's Stewards' Cup winner, Starlight, which has been entered for the first section of the Callopo Handicap to be run on Saturday, for its morning exercise.

On reaching the seven furlongs post, the pony was seen to stumble as a result of which Mr. Wei was unseated. He fell clear of the pony, however, and was not injured. He got got up, remounted, and completed the exercise, evidently none the worse for his experience.

EXHIBITION SOCCER

The following have been selected to represent the Rest against South China, Champions of the First Division of the Football League, at Caroline Hill on Monday next at 4 p.m.

Bankier (Royal Scots); Roughley (Navy); Blackburn (Police); Freshwater (Middlesex); Hsu King-shing (Eastern); Thomas (Middlesex); Fowler Club; Fung King-cheon (Sing Tao); Hendy (Navy); Barber (Navy); Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—Lapsley and Maxwell (Kowloon); Fraser (Royal Scots); Bright (Middlesex); Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); Lee Page (Navy); Howlett and Ferrier (Police) and Rietsen (Club).

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:—
AT KOWLOON C.C.

Junior Singles
N. Smith v. T. S. Young (7.45 p.m.).

Junior Doubles
C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (8.15 p.m.).

Senior Doubles
M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low (8.45 p.m.); H. C. Eardley and N. Smith v. P. Wong and C. Au (9.30 p.m.).

A JUDGE OF HORSEFLESH

I have given Mr. Charles S. Howard \$5.35 and asked him to please buy me a horse, writes Henry McLemore from Los Angeles. If he agrees to do it, my future is guaranteed. A horse that Howard buys, particularly a bargain one, is a better way to wealth than a rich aunt "with a heart flutter or a doting uncle with a counterfeit machine."

Based on my figures on what his own bargain basement steeds have brought in the way of prize money, Mr. Howard's \$5.35 purchase should enable me to buy that little vine-covered trailer I've always wanted, and to make a bid for the world's free-style a-tettin's and a-rockin' championship.

For \$5.35, Mr. Howard is almost a certainty to get me a nag that will win a stake or two. Look at what his bought-for-a-song creatures have done. Seabiscuit, who was bought for \$7,500 or thereabouts, made so much all he needed was a paying teller and an iron will to become a First National Bank, Kayak II, a marked-down job, could easily start a loan society of his stall with thousand dollar bills and he's only three years old.

Money Making Horse

Porter's Cap was picked up at the Saratoga sales by Mr. Howard for \$1,300. Porter's Cap is making money faster than a show-off engraver at the mint, his latest haul being the \$50,000 Santa Anita derby. He's a greedy little cuss, too. He wants it all, and already is entered in a batch of later rich stakes, including the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap, the Kentucky Derby, and the Belmont. By his victory in the Derby Porter's Cap became the first eligible for the Pimlico Special at Baltimore.

Staghand is the only horse ever to win Santa Anita's two most prized stakes—the Derby and the Handicap—but he may be joined by Porter's Cap before long. He won the Derby like a good one. He had speed enough to stay up with the early leaders after the break and when he made his run he ran over horses getting to the front. And he finished the mile and an eighth full of run and sound as two dollars. He can go on any kind of track, too. He likes a fast one and loves a slow one.

Can't Be Just Luck

Eventually, racing folk are going to quit referring to "Howard luck." It cannot be luck for the simple reason there isn't that much in the world. But what is it? What is the secret power that enables the pleasant automobile tycoon to look at a horse and know that he has the makings of a champion? There must be thousands of persons who actually know more about conformation and blood lines than Howard does, but they go on dealing with platters while he saddles the winners.

The Time Is Coming

There's a time coming, though, when he is going to need luck. He is going to need it to dodge the rocks his rival owners are going to throw at him when they finally can't stand the sight of him standing in the winner's circle with a silver cup or plate in his hand. Either this is going to happen, or some track is going to make itself popular with the other owners by running a rich race for all horses except Howard-owned ones.

I wonder what kind of a horse Mr. Howard'll get me for \$5.35? I'm hankering for a chestnut colt with blue eyes and a blazed face, but I'll settle for anything he

CHAMPIONS EXTENDED

H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn, holders of the Open Doubles Tennis Title, received their first real opposition this season when they were extended by A. V. Remedios and G. Choa in the current Open Doubles Tennis Competition yesterday on the stand court of H.K.C.C. and won by 6-3, 6-8 and 6-2.

In the first set Choa and Remedios were unsteady but improved greatly in the second set. Choa played a good game and featured his play with hard drives and good placing. Remedios made several errors. His volleying was at times brilliant but his overhead work was weak.

In the first set the champions won easily but in the second set the losers improved considerably and were leading at one stage by 4 games to 1. The Rumjahns won the next four games in a row to lead by 5-4.

Choa and Remedios won the next game on the latter's service. They won the next two games though deuce was called several times in both games.

In the last set Rumjahns won the first two games but Choa and Remedios were only being led by 3-2 at one time.

The Rumjahns, however, reeled off the next three games in succession.

TENNIS RESULTS

OPEN DOUBLES

H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn beat Choa and A. V. Remedios 6-3; 5-7; 6-2.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
T. J. Gould beat T. C. Monaghan 6-1, 0-6, 6-1.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell beat F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursday 7-5, 6-4.

CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP
M. Pagh beat H. J. Armstrong 6-2, 7-5.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN DOUBLES

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
C. H. R. Oxlade (—15.2) v R. E. Guest (—15.1) (7).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6) v E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (—2/8) (3).

C.S.C.C. CRICKET XI

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. in a Junior Cricket League match against Police on Saturday.

H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, V. C. Bond, P. D. Crawley, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Loehart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

GOLF RESULTS

Results of the Captain's Cup of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club held during the week-end were: Old Course, J. Linaker 80—15=73 (21 entries); New Course, R. M. Wood 87—16=71 (19 entries).

chooses to spend my money for. He could buy me a goat and the chances are it would be a stake winner before the year is out.—United Press.

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Of eight major British sports, only soccer and racing cling to any semblance of their pre-war glory, and a comparison of current gate receipts with those for the winter of 1938-39 for soccer and racing shows that total attendance is off between 65 and 70 per cent.

Participation in golf has fallen off nearly a million despite the widespread athletic programme of the fighting service. Golf, tennis, rugby, cricket, track, rowing, all big amateur participant sports of the pre-war days are at their lowest level since 1917-18.

Bombers Are Blamed

Sport bigwigs name bomber and national service as the main reasons.

"A man doesn't have time or the inclination to play eighteen holes of golf or run cross country any more," said Geoffrey Sharpe, president of the Blackheath Harriers, London sports club. "Not after he's worked eight hours at his office and then done six or eight hours as a fire fighter or an air raid warden."

The comparative expense of golf clubs, tennis racquets, and other things also limits the number of participants. Jack Hobbs, once Britain's premier cricketer, declares he has not sold any large orders of cricket equipment for months.

Expense also is a factor in the decline in spectator sports, which likewise suffer from demands for national service. With prices rising well ahead of wages, the average man can't fork out \$2 for a prizefight seat or 75 cents for the

Racing

Racing dwindled last Summer but rebounded again in September. The price charges that it diverts money from the war effort and that a ban on transport, it has been going on since. There is never more than one meeting, however, and since the Blitz began, the track near London have been quiet.

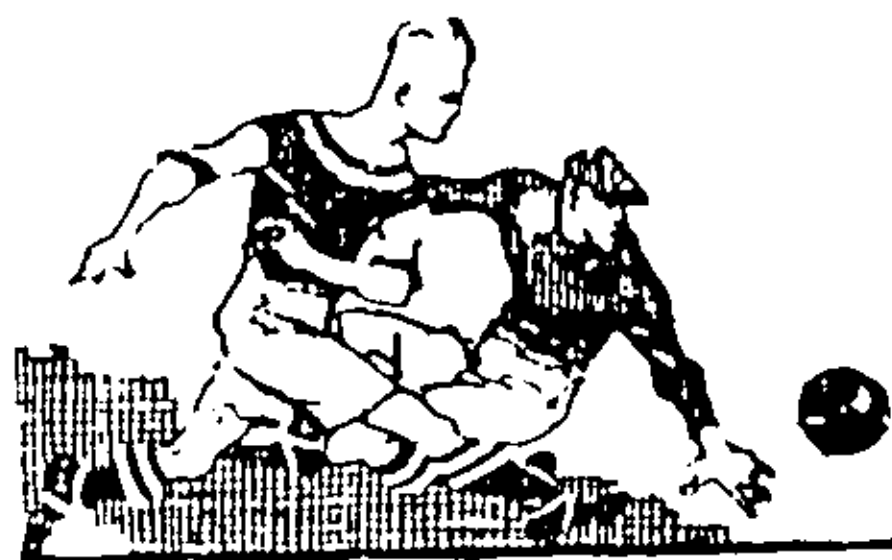
Steeplechasing is in high favour at present, but the bookies report betting light. The Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree, however, will not be run this year, for the first time since its inception 104 years ago.

As in 1940, Britain will run a substitute Derby, the Oaks, the Two Thousand Guineas, and the St. Leger. The nominations for these are surprisingly high, considering the circumstances. There are 65 for the Derby, 54 for the Oaks, 53 for the Two Thousand Guineas and 81 for the St. Leger.

Three top owners of the British turf, Miss Dorothy Paget, Fred Darling and J. V. Rank, all have entries for the Derby, but many owners have sold their horses to Irish stables or are racing in Ireland. For the first time in eleven years the Aga-Khan's name is missing from the list of owners of Derby nominees.

Soccer

On Saturday, Jan. 25, for instance there were thirty-four professional soccer games in Britain.



with a total attendance of 48,150. This was less than a third of the average pre-war attendance for the same number of games. Many of the top stars have joined the fighting services. There has been a long tournament between teams of Norwegian, Dutch, Belgian, French, Czech and British soldiers.

Boxing

The fight game is coming back slowly through the medium of matinee shows and unoccupied theatres. These have been drawing well with such ancient as Kid Berg and Larry James in the leading roles. Tommy Farr periodically challenges every heavyweight in the world, but asks more than hurried promoters can offer.

Len Harvey and Eric Boon, Britain's top big and little fighters, have not yet been lured into indoor rings, but they're weakening.

Rugby

This sport, greatly encouraged in the army, is flourishing there and in the public schools. Oddly, it also is a favourite sport of the Royal Navy, whose destroyer crews dash from deck to field for an afternoon of sport. As in the army, officers play with the men and admit "we get tossed around a good bit."

Golf

There was no amateur or open last Summer and there is no prospect for either this year. Small tournaments sponsored by local aeroplane funds and charities bring out most of the stars. Henry Cotton performs periodically for the Red Cross.

Tennis

Wimbledon's inner court has been scarred by bombs and there has been almost no big-time tennis in the other important clubs. Bunny Austin was in the R.A.F. when last heard of. Most of the women stars are in various types of war work.

As in golf, there is little prospect for much tennis activity until the war is over. Even country house tennis, the foundation of the game in Britain, is dying because of the expense and lack of time.

Track

Sidney Wooderson, the swift solicitor, still gallops across country periodically, but there has been no big track meet in Britain since August, 1939. Wooderson now is in an army training centre.

Rowing

Outside of school and college races at Oxford and Cambridge, there is little rowing. There is slight prospect for renewal of the Oxford-Cambridge race this year even on an "informal" basis, according to the Oxford University Rowing Club, unless "things take a turn for the better."

BOWLS MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., to-day at 5.30 p.m.

FASTEST HUMAN TRAINED IN LETTUCE SHED

THE LEADING contenders in the dashes at the famous Millrose Games have been sorely handicapped by the weather, but no one expects slow times, for the top men are Harold Davis and Norwood Henry Ewell, writes a correspondent from New York.

Continuous rain forced Davis, the slight Salinas, Calif., Junior College sophomore, to train in a huge lettuce storage shed.

Pennsylvania State has no indoor track, so Barney Ewell, its remarkable Negro flyer, had to do the best he could on outdoor heads under unfavourable climatic conditions.

Davis, just turned 20, makes his eastern bow in his first important even indoors.

The boy sputtered to renown in little more time than it takes him to travel 100 yards. He bagged the A.A.U. dashes at Fresno last summer, and is out to repeat victories over Ewell.

Feature Event

Davis' performance in the 60 and 300-yard runs will be watched as closely as the Wanamaker M.C. the feature event.

The latter brings out Walter Mehl, Missouri's John Mabe, Leshe MacMittell and Chuck Fenske, who gave the Boston Garden its fastest mile in history.

Greg Rice of Notre Dame and Con Lash, the Indiana cop, will have it out in the two-mile. Fred Wolcott of Rice and Ed Dugger of Tufts hook up in the hurdles.

But the young sprinters will attract plenty of attention.

Ewell tackles the only two men who beat him—Davis outdoors and Herbert Thompson on boards.

If both reach the final three-man heat by way of talent-packed qualifying races, Ewell should edge Davis in the 60-yard dash.

Davis is a slow starter, although he has shown steady improvement, and Ewell gets away like a thunderbolt.

Ewell cracked a world record of 25 years ago, when he covered the little-run 50 yards in five seconds flat.

In the 100 and 200 metres at

the A.A.U. meet last summer Ewell held a substantial lead at the half-way mark only to lose out under the pressure of Davis' terrific finish.

The 10.3 and 20.4 were faster than the times with which Jesse Owens won the Berlin Olympics.

Ewell is a seasoned indoor campaigner, but Davis' sheer speed once he gets under way makes him the favourite in the 300-yard event, despite his lack of experience on boards.

The longer sprint has a real dark horse in Paul Cowie of LaSalle Military Institute.

Davis Gets Swifter

Davis was faster in every successive meet in 1940.

If he continues to improve, there is a chance he may approach his goal of bettering every one of Owens' sprint records.

Little more than a year ago, when he enrolled at Salinas Junior College to make up language credits needed for college entrance, he did almost everything wrong, although he had turned in some amazing times as a schoolboy.

His start and pick-up were particularly bad, and he flailed his arms, ran with his head down.

But Davis, who lives for running—he runs in his sleep—quickly smoothed out most of his faults.

His most pronounced remaining trouble is a slow start, but Charley Paddock didn't get off his marks in any great rush, and he did all right.

Coach Lloyd Winter credits Davis with doing the 100 in 9 seconds flat from a running start.

Davis has an unusually long stride—9 feet, 3 inches.

Regardless of how well he gets away in the Millrose Games, Harold Davis easily may be off to the greatest sprint season on record.

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"BULGARIA, HUNGARY AND RUMANIA BOMBED"

According To Reports Put Out By Axis

RESERVE SUGGESTED ON BOMBING REPORTS

Reports of the bombing of towns in Bulgaria and Rumania by Yugoslav planes, emanate from Axis or Axis controlled countries, it is pointed out in London.

In the absence of any confirmation from British press, or Yugoslav sources, the reports should be received with the utmost reserve. — Reuters

ITALIAN LOSSES

Well over 250,000 Italians have been taken prisoner, killed or wounded in Africa and Albania, according to an estimate issued in London yesterday.

The total is 283,000, including 140,000 prisoners in Libya, 20,000 in Eritrea and Abyssinia and 30,000 in Italian Somaliland.

"Attempt To Reach Budapest"

YUGOSLAV AIR RAIDS ON A NUMBER OF TOWNS IN BULGARIA, HUNGARY AND RUMANIA WERE REPORTED FROM AXIS SOURCES LAST NIGHT.

Hungary claims to have shot down 10 Yugoslav planes in a series of raids which included Szegedin and what the Germans described as "an attempt to reach Budapest."

A Bulgarian air force communiqué announces raids on the towns of Sofia and Kurlen.

According to Bucharest despatches received in Rome, Yugoslav planes also raided at least three towns in western Rumania—Dorsova, Arad and Timisoara.

The Governments of Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania have, according to reports from Axis sources, protested to Yugoslavia. — Reuters

Total for Albania is 92,000 and includes 20,000 prisoners, 20,000 killed and 52,000 wounded.

British casualties in all African fighting up to Feb. 23 are estimated at 604 killed and 2,362 other losses. — Reuters

Rumania Protests To Yugoslavia

It was confirmed in Bucharest yesterday that Rumania has protested to Yugoslavia against alleged attacks by Yugoslav aircraft on three Rumanian towns.

An official Rumanian communiqué announcing this step says: "Although the Rumanian Government has not committed Rumania in any way in hostilities with Yugoslavia, on whose territory Rumania has Rumanian nationals to defend, the Yugoslav air force bombed Rumanian territory on April 6 at Dorsova, Arad and Timisoara, killing three people and injuring three others and causing some damage."

"The Rumanian Government has addressed a formal protest to the Yugoslav Government."

"General Antonescu assures the population that all measures for maintaining security and order have been taken."

"Such grave and disloyal actions can in no way upset the conduct of the Rumanian Government. That, however, does not mean that anyone has liberty to harm the honour and rights of Rumania." — Reuters

CHINESE SAPPERS ON PARADE

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN CHINESE SAPPERS, UNDER LIEUTENANT C. E. OTWAY, OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS, PARADED SMARTLY ON THE MURRAY PARADE GROUND THIS MORNING FOR INSPECTION BY AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH FORCES IN THE FAR EAST.

Accompanied by Major-General A. E. Grasett, G.O.C. and members of the General Staff, the Commander-in-Chief first inspected the sappers and later took the salute at the "March Past."

Congratulating the Sappers on their drill performance and the "March Past," the Commander-in-Chief said that he was very glad to inspect the men.

It was very interesting to note, he said, that yesterday was the fifth anniversary of the first enlistment of Chinese sappers into the Army.

INDIA'S TRADE PACT WITH BURMA

It was learned in New Delhi yesterday that the only immediate action India proposes to take under the new Indo-Burma trade agreement is to remove the 11 1/2 per cent preference which kerosene from Burma enjoys in India over foreign kerosene. — Reuters

STOP PRESS

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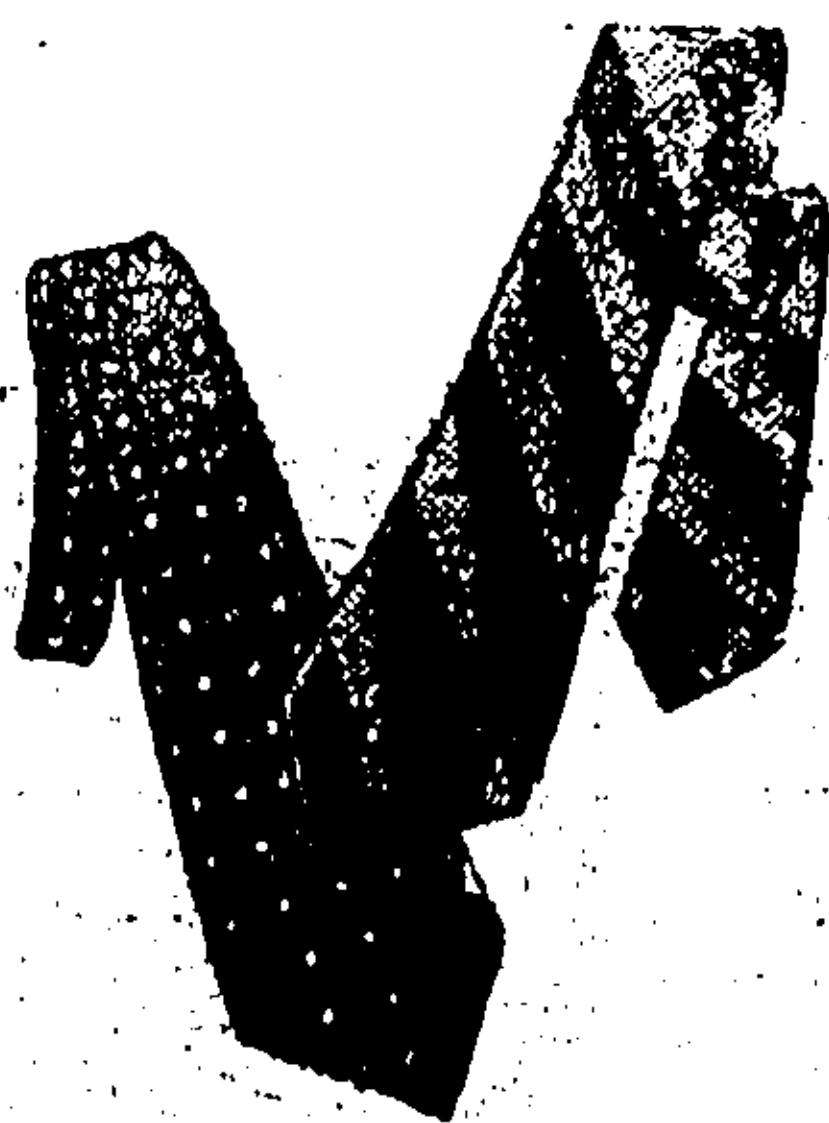
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GERMAN THRUST AT BELLES

Parachutists and propaganda leaflets were dropped in Macedonia on Sunday, stated the official Greek spokesman in Athens last night.

A number of parachutists, he said, had been captured.

Leaflets dropped by Nazi pilots professed German friendship for the Greek people, "whom they wished to preserve from the horrors of war."

The Greek spokesman added: "The main German thrust is at Belles and along the Struma Valley, but all along the frontier, from Belles, their divisions, stabbed us in the back while our army was confronting another aggressor."

"Using every modern mechanical weapon of war, however, they did not effect a passage."

Greeks Counter-Attack

"The Greek soldiers on the German front withstood heavy artillery fire, destroyed oncoming tanks and counter-attacked."

"The Greeks brought down six German planes without suffering any losses in planes themselves."

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MOSCOW ATTITUDE

"Encouraging," was the comment of Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, on the Russo-Yugoslav Pact yesterday.

He also commented at his press conference on the increasing number of nations becoming acutely aware of the world nature of the movement for conquest of peoples by force.

This is the second recent favourable comment on Russia's attitude by a high State Department official.

Swift Response To Belgrade Raid

IT WAS OFFICIALLY announced in Cairo last night that German military concentrations at Sofia and motor transport in the Struma Valley were heavily bombed on Sunday night.

The R.A.F. quickly replied to the German air attack on Belgrade by bombing the German military concentrations at Sofia, says the Middle East communique.

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STRUMA VALLEY FIGHTING

The strong resistance encountered by the Germans, especially in the Struma Valley, was emphasised by Moscow radio in a broadcast for home consumption yesterday.

Commenting upon the military situation created by the German attacks on Yugoslavia and Greece, the Moscow announcer in the main confined himself to giving briefly the Greek, British and German communiqués, but also emphasised the strong resistance the Germans were encountering.—Reuter.

TWO NAZI PLANES DESTROYED

Two German aircraft were destroyed by British fighters, one off the Suffolk coast and the other near Cape Gris Nez, yesterday, says the Air Ministry.

There was little activity over Britain and no bombs were dropped on land.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAVS ATTACKING IN ALBANIA

SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"

A Yugoslav broadcast was picked up in Vichy yesterday stating that heavy Yugoslav artillery was carrying out a terrific barrage on the Albanian frontier in preparation for an attack.—International News Service.

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SIR TEJ SAPRU SEES VICEROY

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, spokesman for the recent Bombay conference, held to solve the political deadlock, interviewed the Viceroy for two hours yesterday and placed before him a memorandum drawn by the standing committee of the conference.—Reuter.

claf, the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Sumner Welles, having a few days ago applauded Russia's declaration of neutrality if Turkey were attacked.—Reuter.

KEYNES PLAN ADOPTED

The famous economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, champion of compulsory saving, left his office in the Treasury last night with the knowledge that four million British taxpayers will participate in a form of his long advocated and hotly-opposed scheme of compulsory saving.

Last July Mr. Keynes was appointed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with other economists and commercial and industrial chiefs, to the Treasury consultative committee which has been described as the "Exchequer Brains Trust."

Doubtless the proposal was devised there.

Mr. Keynes had no comment to make on the Budget.—Reuter.

DR. BARDOSSY AND ITALY

The new Hungarian Prime Minister, Dr. Bardossy, has sent a telegram to Mussolini asking for his "precious support" in the task he has undertaken.—Reuter.

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Keynes Plan For Compulsory Saving Adapted

THE BRITISH TAXPAYER IS CALLED UPON TO PAY AN EXTRA £205,000,000 UNDER PROPOSALS MADE BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, PRESENTING THE BUDGET TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The income tax rate is increased to ten shillings in the pound, with a reduction in the abatements on the lower incomes.

Income Tax and surtax together total 19/6 in the £1 on the largest incomes.

Most striking feature of the Budget, however, is the appearance of compulsory savings in special form. The proposal is that the extra tax of any individual paid by reason of the reduction in the personal allowance and the earned income allowance will be offset by a post-war credit in the Post Office Savings Bank.

The whole income tax proposals will produce an additional £150,000,000 this year and in a full year £250,000,000 of which half will be treated as a credit.

Sir Kingsley Wood estimated that the total expenditure in the coming year will be £4,207,000,000.

"Spend as little as possible and lend as much as possible," was the keynote of the Chancellor's speech.

The House was well filled and the Chancellor was cheered when he entered the House. A number of Peers and Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, were present.

The Chancellor said he would make proposals which would not only enable us to surmount the immediate difficulty but would ensure that we continue to maintain our national finances on sound lines so that we would be able, when the time came, to pursue post-war measures of reconstruction and social advance.

The British financial front stood firm and strong. The steps taken to stimulate exports and drastically reduce non-essential imports certainly had been successful.

Our system of exchange control under the mobilization of dollar securities enabled us to meet the very heavy drain upon our resources of gold dollars and we now had assurance by reason of the great contribution America was making in the Lease and Lend Act that no difficulty in financing purchases from the United States will hamper the full development of our fighting strength. (Cheers).

Control Of Capital

Control of capital issues in the domestic market had been of great value in securing the best possible conditions for the success of Government loans.

All these measures combined enabled us to borrow at a very low rate of interest averaging below two per cent.

"We have no intention of borrowing on worse terms as the war proceeds. We shall hope to improve upon them." (Cheers).

All this meant that aggravation of our post-war financial problem, by the burden of war debt, though it was bound to be grievous, would be correspondingly less and we should also avoid the evils incurred after 1918 of the starting period of post-war expansion and recovery with a rate of interest which, in the long run, was so embarrassing, and often crushing, to the borrower.

Maintenance of a low rate of interest would do much to ease the financial problem of rebuilding our cities after the war.

We had taken many steps to eliminate war fortunes.

Excess Purchasing Power

Referring to the "many difficulties and problems inherent in the most expensive war in history," the Chancellor remarked that the danger we had to control was that of being flooded out by a torrent of excess purchasing power fed by the springs of war-time government expenditure.

That was the function of finance. Solution of the problem would be impossible unless it was eased by withholding a substantial part of surplus purchasing power through the instrument of taxation.

Dealing with details of last year's account, the Chancellor thanked the taxpayers who responded so readily to his appeal for prompt payment of taxes, also those at home and overseas who patriotically helped with a steady flow of free gifts to the Exchequer and for aircraft production.

THE PURCHASE TAX YIELDED SOME £20 MILLIONS. ITS ADMINISTRATION WORKED QUITE SMOOTHLY.

Towards the total expenditure of £3,884,000,000 we received a total revenue of £1,409,000,000, leaving a deficiency of £2,475,000,000 to be found by other means.

The net sum of £2,462,000,000 was borrowed during the year.

Taxation Increases

Hard and severe financial measures brought benefits because they avoided for the mass of people the evil effects of unchecked inflation.

Hitherto increase in taxation had not fallen short of the necessities of the case. There had been no inflationary dangers in our system up to the present.

Referring to the future, the Chancellor said a new and important factor was introduced by the Lease and Lend Act.

He could not estimate the value of supplies to be received from the United States. He estimated the vote of credit required, excluding supplies from and payments to the United States, at £3,500,000,000. He estimated total expenditure at £4,207,000,000.

He estimated the yield from Income Tax for the current year at £605,000,000, an increase of £81

millions. Surtax £80 millions, death duties £82 millions, stamps £14 millions, and the Excess Profits Tax £210 millions.

Inland Revenue

Total estimate of inland revenue duties on the existing basis of taxation was £992 millions, customs and excise £578 millions, and Purchase Tax £70 millions.

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE IN 1940/41 ON THE EXISTING BASIS OF TAXATION WAS £1,636,000,000.

The hops tax would be renewed for a further four years, medicine and stamp duties would be repealed from September 2 and new medicine and stamp duties legislation would be introduced.

The Finance Bill would include a clause providing for purposes of Income Tax and national defence contributions a similar allowance to that provided for the purpose of the Excess Profits Tax in respect to losses incurred in providing additional buildings, plant and machinery for the war effort.

The Chancellor foreshadowed modification of the Excess Profits Tax but could not now afford any considerable changes. Part of the tax would be held by the Exchequer to be made available to industry at the end of the war.

Private Savings

He estimated private savings for the current year at £1,600,000,000 in addition to £1,636,000,000 from revenue.

Estimated domestic expenditure was £3,700,000,000, leaving a gap of £500 millions to be filled.

The Exchequer would bear the considerably increased burden to prevent an increase in the cost of living, including increase in shipping rates and insurance.

The policy of stabilising prices would be continued and extended. The scheme included coal, gas and electricity charges. Aim was to hold wages about where they are now.

Turning to the question of filling the £500 million gap, the Chancellor said he needed a still greater sum from genuine new savings. He urged people to spend as little as possible and to lend as much as possible.

Income Tax

New private savings were estimated to produce between 200 and 300 million pounds.

New taxation, he estimated, would produce £205 millions in a full year.

THE INCOME TAX RATE WOULD BE INCREASED, BY 1/6d. TO 10/- IN THE POUND.

The 5/- rate on the lower scale would be increased to 6/6d.

ON THE LARGEST INCOMES, INCOME TAX AND SUPERTAX WOULD BE 19/6d. IN THE POUND.

Income Tax yield this year was £296 millions and in a full year

MATSUOKA VISITS THE KREMLIN

Mr. Matsuoka visited the Kremlin in Moscow yesterday afternoon to resume the conversations with Stalin and Molotov, says a Moscow despatch to the official German news agency.—Reuter.

R.A.F. LIBYAN ATTACKS

British aircraft made heavy attacks on Italian and German transport in the region of El Aghelia, in Cyrenaica, on the night of Saturday.

BEFORE ADDIS ABABA WAS CAPTURED, SOUTH AFRICAN BOMBERS MADE THE NEARBY AERODROME UNSERVICEABLE TO THE ENEMY.

In an attack carried out on Saturday, says an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday, five Italian Savoia machines and three Capronis were burnt out and a number of others badly damaged.

On Sunday, enemy aircraft at Komolcha, near Dessie, were machine-gunned and five fighters and three Savoia bombers destroyed and a number of others severely damaged.

In Eritrea, Free French aircraft continued to give active support to the advancing troops. The aerodrome at Calato, on the island of Rhodes, was raided on Saturday night.—Reuter.

DE GAULLE MAY GO TO BALKANS

General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French Forces, declared in an interview in Alexandria yesterday that he might go to the Balkans.

After lunching aboard the British battleship "Warspite" he said: "I have reason to hope that Free France will participate in the battle in the Balkans and it is possible I may go there."

"Frankly, I believe that the German effort in the Balkans will be considerable and formidable in every way, but I remain convinced that the Balkan countries, which have chosen to resist, will not regret it." — Reuter.

CONSTITUTION CHANGED IN SARAWAK

Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, White Rajah of Sarawak, yesterday pronounced his brother, Bertram, heir to the throne.

Sir Charles stated this in a speech to the Supreme Council of Sarawak on the occasion of the centenary of the present regime.

He also announced the formation of a Legislative Council and proclaimed the termination of the era of absolute rule of the Rajahs of Sarawak.

Measures were produced to divest the Rajah of absolute legislative powers.—Reuter.

£125 millions.

Earned income allowance deduction, now one-sixth, would be one-tenth.

Personal allowance of £170 for a married person would be reduced to £140.

Exemption limit for Income Tax would be £110 instead of £120.

This would increase the number of Income Tax payers by over two million.

The extra tax any individual paid by reason of reduction of the personal allowance and earned income allowance would be offset after the war by a credit in the Post Office Savings Bank.

The whole of the Income Tax proposals would produce £150 millions this year and in a full year £250 millions, half of which would be treated as a credit.

The full year would produce £1,800,000,000 from taxation.—Reuter.

NAIROBI MURDER TRIAL

The Government analyst, Mr. Fox, was the chief witness when the hearing of the charge against Sir Delves Broughton of murdering the Earl of Erroll was resumed at Nairobi yesterday.

Mr. Fox said he was satisfied that both the bullets fired at Lord Erroll and the bullets found at the farm where Sir Delves practised with a revolver were fired from the same weapon.

The hearing was adjourned till April 15.—Reuter.

MATSUOKA'S "CONVICTION"

"MY VISIT HAS SERVED TO STRENGTHEN MY BELIEF IN THE VICTORY OF THE AXIS POWERS AND THE SUCCESSFUL ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW WORLD ORDER," SAYS MR. MATSUOKA, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, IN A FAREWELL MESSAGE TO THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN PEOPLE ON LEAVING GERMAN TERRITORY YESTERDAY.

Mr. Matsuoka expresses "sincere satisfaction" at his reception and cordial thanks to the Fuehrer, Duce, the Foreign Ministers and leading men of both nations for their "friendliness, amiability and thoughtful hospitality."—Reuter.

RESTRICTIONS ON JAPANESE

In order to study measures regarding alleged restrictions placed on 200,000 Japanese residents in Latin-American countries, by United States instigation, officials of the Japanese Foreign Office and various Ministries concerned held the first of a series of monthly conferences at noon yesterday in which future steps relating to Japanese emigration, commerce and precautions against the influence of third powers were discussed, according to a semi-official Japanese report.—Reuter.

Parliament Takes Budget Taxation Shocks Calmly

Was Prepared To Hear Much Worse

THE FIGURES THE CHANCELLOR QUOTED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY WERE ASTRONOMICAL BUT THE COMMONS HEARD HIM CALMLY BECAUSE THE COUNTRY IS BY NOW INURED TO HIGH LEVELS OF TAXATION AND WAS FULLY PREPARED TO HEAR MUCH WORSE FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S LIPS.

Sir Kingsley Wood said quite frankly that the object of his taxation proposals was to make a considerable cut in purchasing power during the war, to avoid the ever-present dangers of inflation.

Taxes on income, as announced by the Chancellor, ranged over the whole social sphere.

Basically Income Tax is raised by 1/6d to 10/- in the pound, with a lessening of abatements at the lower end of the scale and with a tightening of taxation at the other.

THUS, A SINGLE MAN EARNING 45/- A WEEK WHO PAID NO INCOME TAX LAST YEAR WILL PAY 2/- A WEEK. IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE THE WHOLE OF THE PAYMENT WILL BE TREATED AS CREDIT TO THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

At the other end of the scale Income Tax and Surtax will absorb 19/6 in the pound, leaving to the individual exactly 6d in the pound.

Firm Resolve

"The whole world," said Sir Kingsley amid loud cheers, "will see in this still further and substantial evidence of our firm resolve to leave nothing undone to achieve victory whatever the cost."

Under the new taxation, he explained, that in order to enjoy a tax-free income of £6,000 a year, it would be necessary for an individual to have a gross income of £60,000 — "and very few to-day have an income of that sum," he added, amid ironical cheers.

Explaining the reduction in abatements on smaller incomes more fully, he intimated that the extra tax which the small wage-earner would pay would be offset after the war by a credit in the Post Office Savings Bank.

AS EXAMPLE HE CITED THE CASE OF A MARRIED MAN WITH TWO CHILDREN, WITH AN EARNED INCOME OF £350 A YEAR, WHO LAST YEAR WOULD HAVE PAID £5.8.4.

Under the new budget the same man will pay £24.7.6 but of the increase of approximately £19, there will be paid to him after the war the sum of £17.8.8.

Up And Up

As one moves up the income tax scale so the proportions to be dealt with in the form of credit in the Savings Bank decline.

Thus a married man with two children, and earned income of £1,000 a year, will pay over £300 in Income Tax under the new proposals — an increase of £90.

In this instance, only a little more than £48 will be treated as Savings Bank credit.

Altogether Sir Kingsley estimated the yield of Income Tax for the current year at £605 millions, an increase of £81 millions.

He indicated that last year's collection of Income Tax was in itself a record. It amounted to £524 millions, which was £13 in excess of the estimate.

E. P. T.

Dealing with industry, the Chancellor intimated that the Excess Profits Tax would remain at 100 per cent.

This tax, he said, was directed primarily to taking the profit out of war and ensuring that in wartime, when the whole nation had to bear sacrifices, the increased production which the war required would not become a means of enrichments, as in the last war.

But, he added, it was one thing to take the profit out of war; it was another to tax businesses in such a way as to leave them worse off at the end of the war than at the beginning.

THEREFORE HE PROPOSED, AT THE END OF THE WAR, THAT 20 PER CENT. OF THE NETT 100 PER CENT. OF TAX SHOULD BE RETURNED TO INDUSTRY TO ASSIST IN RECONSTRUCTION.

The Chancellor made no proposals for increasing the taxes on tobacco, wines and spirits and similar commodities.

Lease And Lend

Cash expenditure is budgeted as £4,207,000,000, without including United States Lease and Lend supplies, which would raise Government's total expenditure "far beyond £5,000,000,000."

Excluding the increased balances of the British Dominions, India and other overseas sterling countries, domestic expenditure becomes £3,700,000,000, which will be covered by a tax revenue of £1,636,000,000 on the existing basis of taxation and £1,600,000,000 from the present basis of private savings, leaving a gap of about £500,000,000, for which Sir Kingsley proposes to fill in roughly equal halves from new taxation, to yield £150 millions this year, and £250 millions in a full year, and a from new private savings, estimated to produce between £200 and £300 millions.

This domestic expenditure of £3,700,000,000 compares with £2,055,000,000 during the first year of the war and an annual rate of £3,190,000,000 in the first half of the second year, thus indicating continued expansion of the war effort.

Exclusion of the Lease and Lend supplies follows traditional procedure, since the British Budget is always framed on a strictly cash basis.

Keynes Modified

Sir Kingsley's proposal that reductions in individual income tax allowances will be offset by post-war credit in the Post Office Savings Bank introduces a modified form of the Keynes Plan for compulsory savings.

The Budget's excess profits concessions to extractive industries producing metals and oil will be welcomed by overseas mining companies registered in the United Kingdom, on whom this tax has previously fallen as an effective levy on capital.

Price Stabilisation

In the broader economics field the Budget makes a big advance by extending the policy of price stabilisation, with the aim of holding wages at about the pre-

PIGEON PIE IS BACK

PIGEON PIE — LUXURY DISH OF PAST CENTURIES—IS COMING BACK INTO FASHION.

London pet dealers are selling hundreds of pigeons to housewives, to help out their rations.

The cockney street pigeon and wood pigeons make good dishes, boiled or baked. The pigeons are sold at 9d to 1s. each.

"I could sell hundreds of pigeons in a week," Mr. G. E. Palmer, of Parkway, N.W., said.

"They are very tender if cooked like rabbit."

ADDIS ABABA SURRENDERED BY AGREEMENT

AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE issued in Cairo yesterday stated "On the evening of April 5 our leading troops entered Addis Ababa. The Viceroy and Government had left the city."

"As a result of messages dropped by us on April 1, an envoy from the Viceroy of Italian East Africa flew to our lines on April 3, when conditions were presented to him to ensure the safety of the civil population of Addis Ababa in the event of fighting round the city."

Armoured cars led the British column into the Abyssinian capital on Saturday. They found the city in the charge of Italian police, who formally surrendered it.

The Union Jack now flies over the Palace formerly occupied by Emperor Haile Selassie, and the city seems to be very rapidly resuming normal life.

It is now revealed that General Santini, one of the leading Italian commanders, narrowly escaped for the second time being captured.

MEANWHILE THE DUKE OF AOSTA, THE ITALIAN VICEROY, MILITARY CHIEFS AND FORCES ACCOMPANYING HIM, ARE REPORTED TO BE MAKING THEIR WAY NORTHWARDS. — REUTER.

PUNJAB FIGHTER SQUADRON

With the approval of the Ministry of Aircraft Production it has been decided to form a special squadron of fighter planes to be known as the Punjab Fighter Squadron. It will be a permanent part of the R.A.F. and will consist of 20 fighter planes to begin with. It is being formed from the Punjab's contributions. — Reuter.

BRAZIL ACCEPTS INVITATION

Brazil has been asked to take care of Italy's interests in Yugoslavia, according to a Rio de Janeiro telegram to Vichy quoted by Reuter.

sent level, which will greatly contribute to avoidance of inflation.

Britain's success in avoiding inflation hitherto could not continue if wages were allowed to rise unrestrainedly.

INCOME TAX AND SURTAX RISING TO 97.5 PER CENT. ON THE HIGHEST INCOMES, TYPICALS THE BUDGET'S SPARTAN CHARACTER. — REUTER.

STRIKE AT PITTSBURGH CALLED OFF

A strike in the United States Steel Corporation mills at Pittsburgh, announced for midnight to-night, has been called off.

Both sides have agreed to continue negotiations on the men's demand for a wage increase. — Reuter.

FORD STRIKE LIKELY TO BE SETTLED

Prospects of a settlement of the strike at Ford's gigantic River Rouge factory are now brighter.

This follows the Labour Board's order yesterday calling for elections to be held within 45 days to give employees at Ford plants at Detroit and Dearborn time to select collective bargaining agents.

A further good sign is the possibility that the first joint meeting between the company's representatives and representatives of the automobile workers' section of the Congress of Industrial Organisation (which called the present strike) was to be held last night. — Reuter.

RELEASE OF BANK OFFICIALS

The decision is said to have been prompted by "repeated requests from responsible authorities of the two banks and other leaders in local banking circles."

The announcement hopes the authorities in the foreign areas will cooperate in the task of stamping out "violent acts by Chungking terrorists, because we are determined to take drastic measures to deal with these terrorist activities."

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CALL TO IRAQI PEOPLE

A call to the Iraqi people to reject the Prime Minister, Rashid el Gailani, who seized power by a coup d'etat last week, has been broadcast by the Regent of Iraq, who arrived in Basra yesterday.

The Regent, Emir Abdul Ilan, was obliged to leave the capital after his residence was surrounded by Rashid's troops.

It is recalled that on Sunday Rashid declared his Government would adhere to the country's international obligations, particularly the Anglo-Iraq Treaty.

According to a message to Vichy from Damascus, Rashid has not yet succeeded in forming a Ministry.

Members of the former Government, together with other politicians, have left Baghdad for a known destination. Many arrests have been made throughout the country. Reuter.

7, SAVED HER PAL

Clutching a doll tightly in her arms, seven-year-old Geraldine Howard, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Howard, of Comer Road, Cheddar, stood on a chair in Axbridge (Somerset) Police Court to receive a parchment certificate awarded to her by the Royal Humane Society.

Geraldine was bathing at Cheddar swimming pool with Pauline Harris, a seven-year-old London evacuee. Pauline got into difficulties and Geraldine rescued her.

Swam Under Water

"It is not given to everyone, especially at such tender years, to show such promptitude and skill," the chairman, Mr. Warren Jane, told Geraldine.

"It will be a source of great satisfaction to you throughout your life that you were responsible for saving human life."

The chairman also commended Geraldine's brother, who had taught her to swim, and paid tribute to Mrs. Brown, of Kent Street, Cheddar, who pulled the children out of the water.

Mrs. Brown told a reporter: "Geraldine swam to Pauline and grabbed her, then, swimming under water, brought her to the side of the pool, and I got them out."

SAYS MILITARY POLICE BEAT HIM

A man who alleged that he had been "beaten up" by the military police while detained at Great Scotland Yard appeared in Army uniform at West London Police Court.

He was remanded in custody for a week on charges of stealing a pair of shoes from the place where he was living, and wearing Army uniform without authority.

He is Raymond Smith, thirty-six, described as of Edith Road, West Kensington, and he demanded to see the police surgeon.

The magistrate Sir Gervais Renault, asked Smith to explain.

He replied that when he refused to answer certain questions, three military police attacked him.

Sir Gervais said that Smith would be examined by the prison doctor.

SHELTER SNORE CURE

A snore cure is now on sale in a New York department store at 3s.

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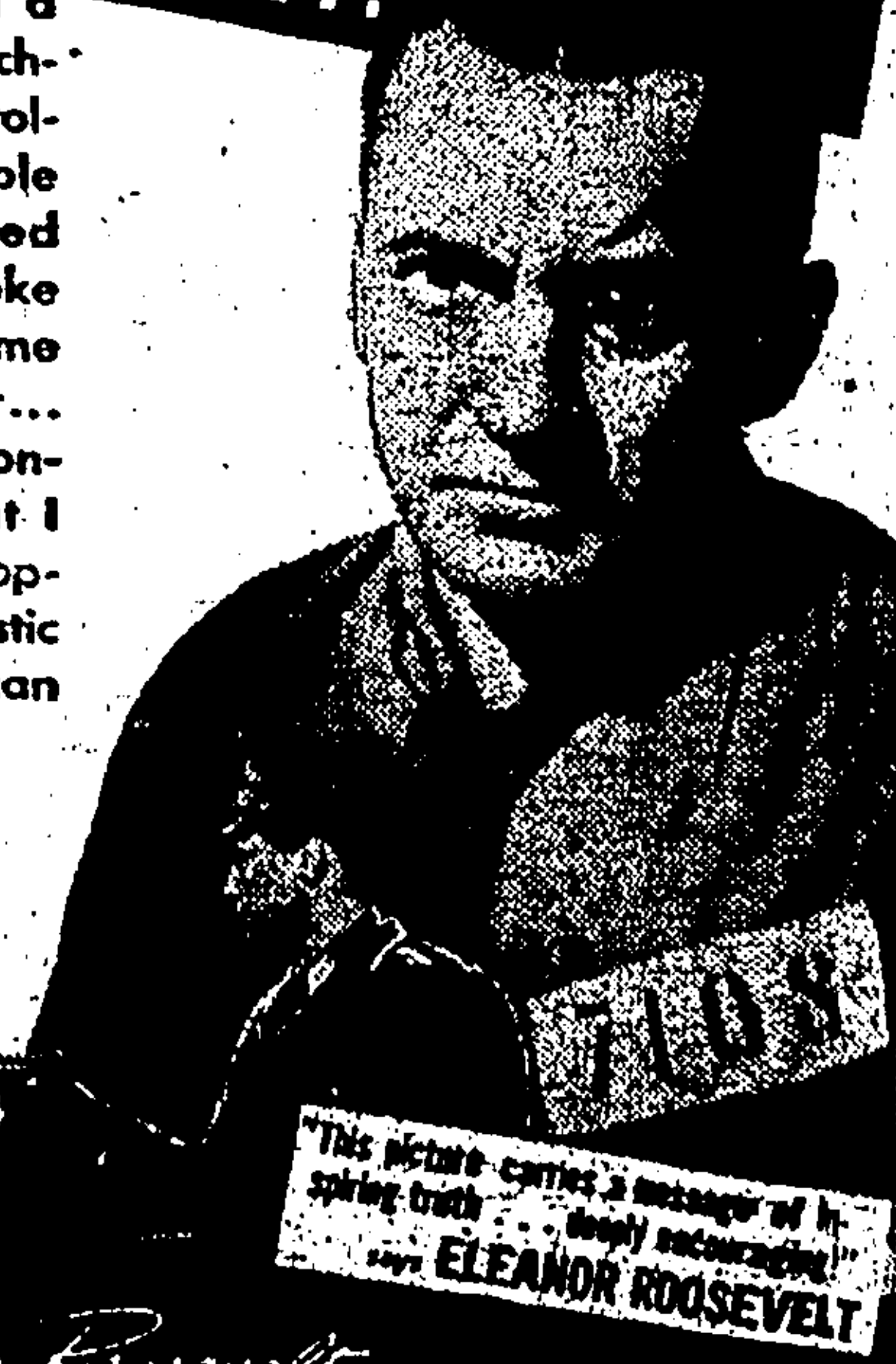
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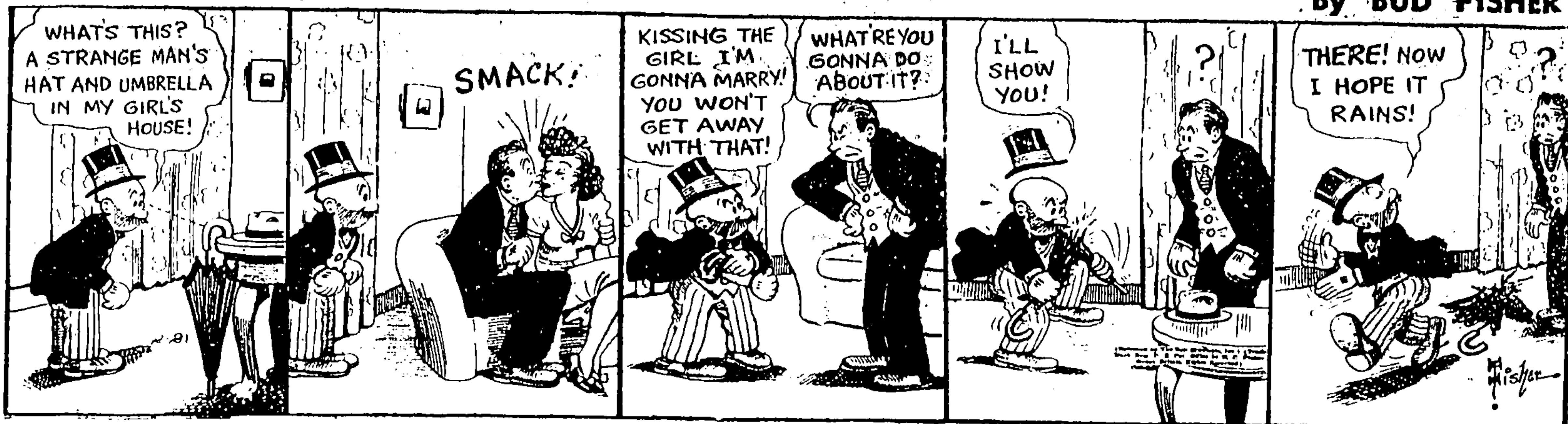
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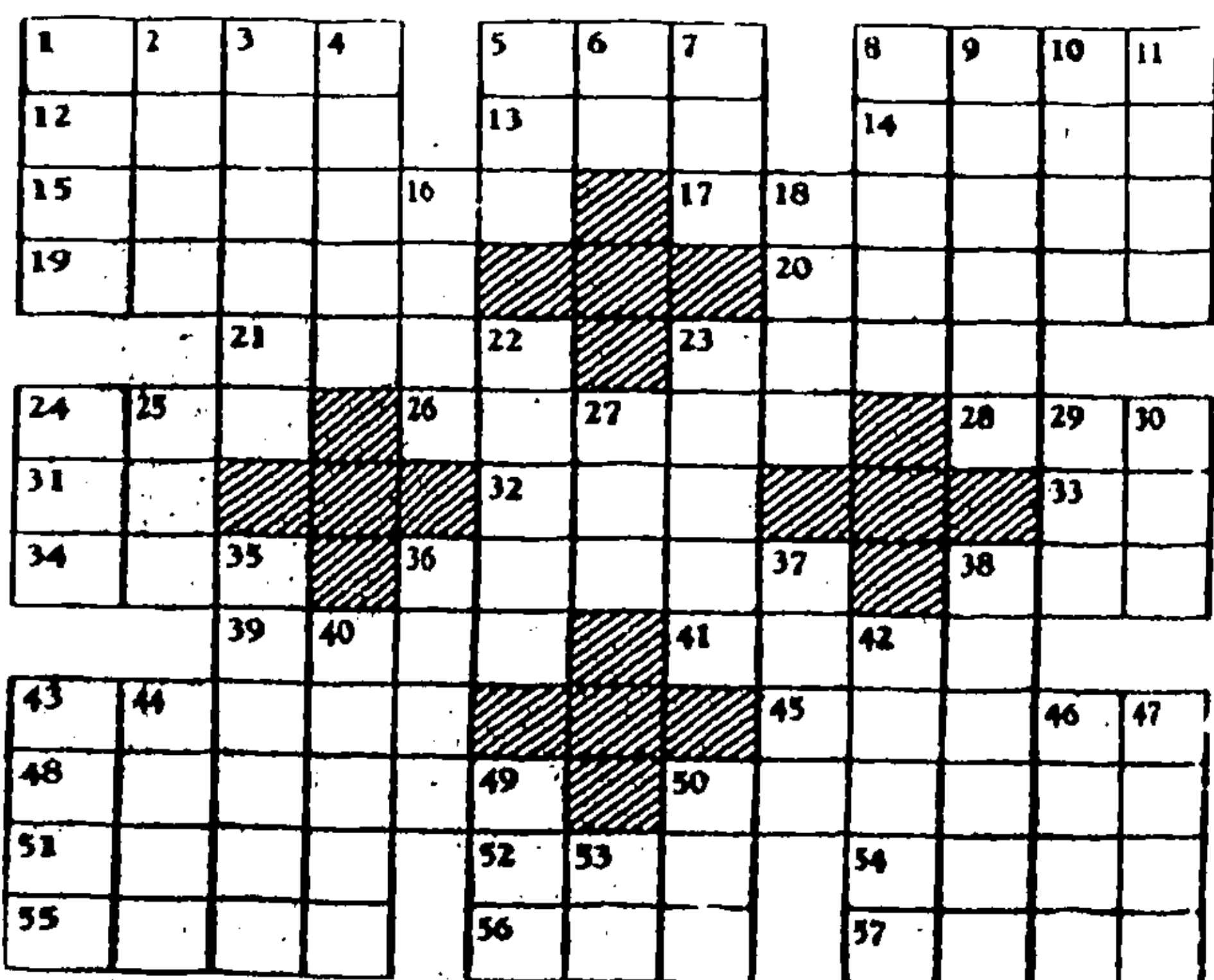
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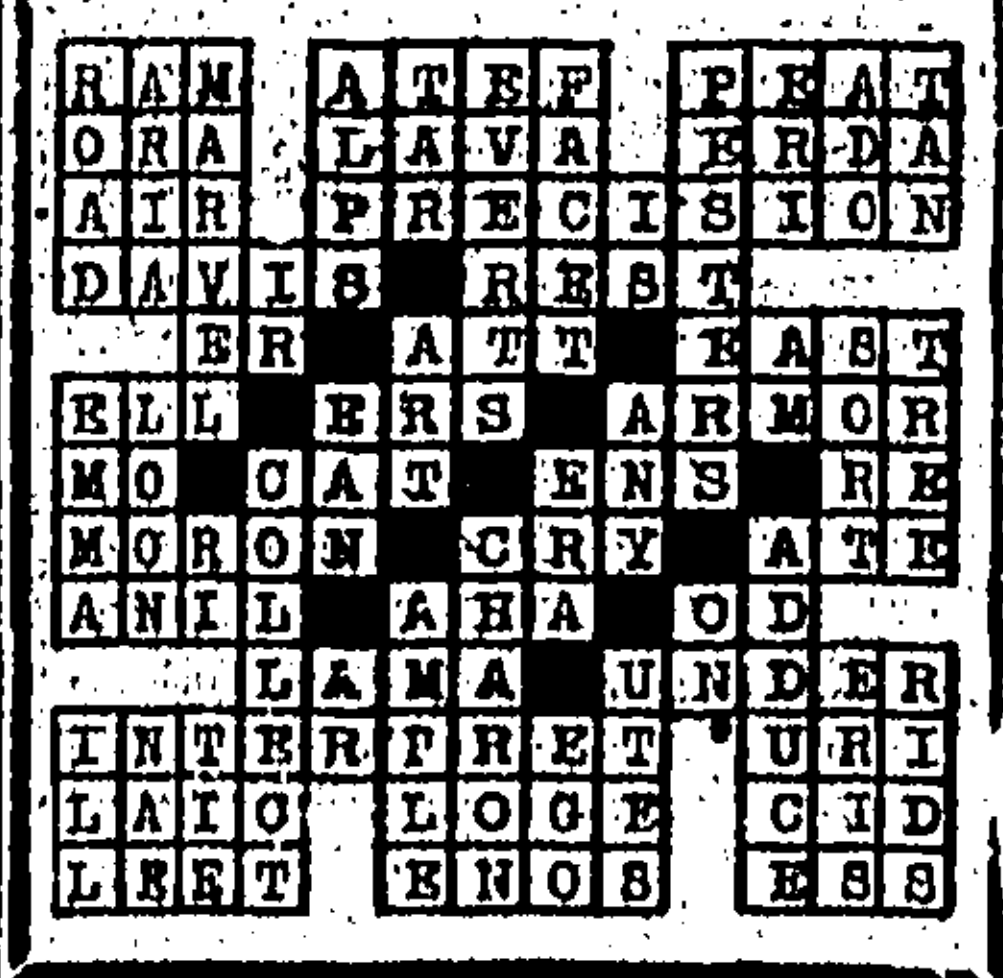
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



THEIR SONG OF WELCOME

V.A.D.s at a Red Cross hospital are planning a singing welcome for Mrs. Fellowes, their assistant commandant, when she returns to duty.

Mrs. Fellowes has put aside her Red Cross uniform for the duration so that she may continue to wear her favourite shade of lipstick.

A nurse at the hospital told a reporter:— "We are going to give Mrs. Fellowes a big welcome."

"Rights Of Women"

"She has struck another blow for the rights of women, and we are all going to sing 'For she's a jolly good fellow' when she returns."

Mrs. Fellowes, thirty-seven-year-old mother of a son aged three, and wife of Major C. D. Fellowes, of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, left her bath to say:—

"Of course I shall go back to the hospital to-morrow. And of course I shall wear my lipstick."

Brigadier-General Sir Archibald Home, Suffolk County Director of the British Red Cross, advised Mrs. Fellowes recently that she must not use lipstick while she is in uniform.

"CRUEL" TO SACK WAAF

Protest against the dismissal from the Service of a young W.A.A.F. who had stolen a manicure set worth 7s. 6d. was made by Alderman W.E. Lovsey, chairman of Birmingham magistrates.

The girl, Denise Madeline Carberry, twenty—who appeared in uniform, was discharged. She had pleaded guilty.

The magistrate told an officer from the girl's depot: "Because of this one lapse you are going to brand her and throw her aside. It is harsh treatment, such as a civilian would not get."

Later Alderman Lovsey said: "I desire my remarks to be conveyed to the O.C., unit."

"For a girl to be branded as a thief is cruel to a degree."

The manicure set was stolen from a civilian at the W.A.A.F. station.

The officer from the depot said that Carberry would not be taken back into the Service.

R.A.F. USE THE MOST HAIR CREAM

"Keep cool heads." That's drilled into the R.A.F. boys throughout their training. But they're determined to keep smooth heads, too. They're the largest users of hair cream among the fighting forces.

This discovery has been made by Mr. H. Forwood, in charge of Y.M.C.A. activities in one town, who stocks four mobile canteens serving a "front line" area.

A fresh supply of 1,736 bottles of hair cream have just been added to his store.

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NORWAY'S EFFORT IN COMMON CAUSE

DETAILS OF NORWAY'S WAR effort in the common fight against Nazi aggression were given by Dr. Trygve Lie, the Norwegian Minister, at a luncheon given in honour of Mr. A. D. Biddle, United States envoy to the exiled governments of Norway, Poland, Holland and Belgium, in London yesterday.

Dr. Lie said: "Immediately after the Nazi invasion a military mission was established in London to enrol Norwegians for military training.

"Besides resident Norwegians, there were several thousands of Norwegian whalers and over 25,000 Norwegian seamen in the merchant fleet. Numerous soldiers in several warships reached England and the total manpower was therefore quite appreciable.

"Volunteers continued to enrol from all parts of the world. Norwegian troops who have been trained in Scotland will participate in the war whenever required.

"A detachment from a Scottish camp participated in the Anglo-Norwegian Lofoten expedition.

"Another Norwegian detachment was established last Autumn in Iceland, where they are defending side by side with their British and Canadian allies the Atlantic outpost which might be used as a jumping off place against other democratic countries.

Norwegian Navy

"Norwegian naval forces have been considerably strengthened and Norwegian warships flying the national flag under Norwegian command have been placed under operational command of the British Admiralty.

"The Norwegian Navy so far have taken over four American destroyers. A large number of Norwegian armed whaling vessels are now engaged in patrolling and convoying."

The Minister finally referred to the Norwegian merchant fleet amounting to nearly 5,000,000 tons sailing in the Allied service, earning profits sufficient to pay for the Norwegian naval and military effort, besides governmental and debt expenses.

American Policy

Mr. Biddle declared: "My mission is a token of United States' appreciation of Norway's war effort. America's policy towards the Allied nations could not have been more clearly stated than it has been by President Roosevelt."

Mr. Biddle described his visit to the so-called little Norway in Toronto, where Norwegian airmen expressed their serious determination to fight until their country's freedom has been secured.

In conversation with Reuter, Mr. Biddle said he was travelling to Scotland over Easter where he proposed to visit Norwegian and Polish forces.—Reuter.

HOME-MADE TIN HAT BEAT 3 INCENDIARIES

Initiative of a temporary porter, who put out three incendiary bombs with a home-made tin hat, is praised by Lord Stamp, chairman of the L.M.S., in a message to the staff.

An official was amazed to see the porter rush towards him and exclaim: "Here they are, guv'nor (meaning the bombs). I've put 'em out with my home-made tin hat."

The porter's only concern was that his ruined tin hat should be replaced. This assurance having been obtained, he continued at his work a happy man.

CHINESE SAPPERS ON PARADE

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN CHINESE SAPPERS, UNDER LIEUTENANT C. E. OTWAY, OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS, PARADED SMARTLY ON THE MURRAY PARADE GROUND THIS MORNING FOR INSPECTION BY AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH FORCES IN THE FAR EAST.

Accompanied by Major-General A. E. Grasett, G.O.C. and members of the General Staff, the Commander-in-Chief first inspected the sappers and later took the salute at the "March Past."

Congratulating the Sappers on their drill performance and the "March Past," the Commander-in-Chief said that he was very glad to inspect the men.

It was very interesting to note, he said, that yesterday was the fifth anniversary of the first enlistment of Chinese sappers into the Army.

PETAINE AND BRITAIN

Marshal Petain, in a special appeal for national unity yesterday from Lyons radio, said: "It is a matter of honour for us to do nothing against our former ally.

"The necessary provisioning of the country imposes a sacred duty on us. Admiral Darlan has my fullest confidence.

"The Government has no other cause to defend but that of France, and there is no other manner of being faithful to France but by standing by its Government." — Reuter.

U.S. WHEAT FOR EIRE

THIRTY THOUSAND TONS OF WHEAT FROM THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN BOUGHT BY THE EIREANN GOVERNMENT, SAID THE EIRE DEFENCE MINISTER, MR. FRANK AITKEN, WHO IS NOW IN WASHINGTON, YESTERDAY.

With the Eire Minister to the United States, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Aitken yesterday visited President Roosevelt.

In a subsequent interview Mr. Aitken said Eire desired to buy American products, including wheat. The supply of arms to Eire is stated also to have been discussed.—Reuter.

NEUTRAL VIEW OF EVENTS

A SUGGESTION THAT the German offensive in the Balkans is ultimately aimed at the Suez Canal, was made by the "Stockholm Tidningen" yesterday.

The newspaper's military correspondent says that although the Germans were fully prepared for an attack on Greece they had probably not completed preparations for an attack on Yugoslavia.

They are thus likely to seek to prevent the massing of troops by Yugoslavia by violent air operations while completing their own troop concentrations.

The military correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" believes the German offensive was hastened by uncertainty about Turkey's attitude and the British landings in Greece.

The correspondent expects the Germans will first exert all efforts to prevent the British, Greek and Yugoslav forces from joining up while engaging the Yugoslavs to prevent them attacking the Italians in Albania.—Reuter.

"BUILD FOR 30 YEARS ONLY"

Post-war buildings should be built to last no more than thirty years. Then they should be pulled down and replaced with something modern.

Mr. Donald Gibson, Coventry's city architect, said that to the Architectural Association in London. He was speaking of post-war reconstruction.

Too many houses, schools, libraries and offices were causing annoyance by their inadequacy to meet present needs.

"We have no right to build for

ONE IN 130 HAD A MASK

Excluding Servicemen, only one person in every 130 was carrying a gas-mask when I made a count on a West Coast sea front, writes a correspondent.

Here are some of the excuses I was given:

"I used to carry my respirator everywhere; then people began to 'rag' me and call me jitterbug. So I don't carry it now."

"Hitler won't use gas, anyway."

"I haven't seen my mask for a year. Can't be bothered."

"I'll carry it when I hear gas has been used somewhere."

An A.R.P. controller told me how perturbed he was about what he called "public apathy."

"A definite statement from the Government is necessary," he said.

"We have run all sorts of campaigns have to make people carry their respirators, and all in vain."

"a thousand years," he said. "If we were to build for thirty years—

only we should help the movement of population that will be caused by our post-war plans."



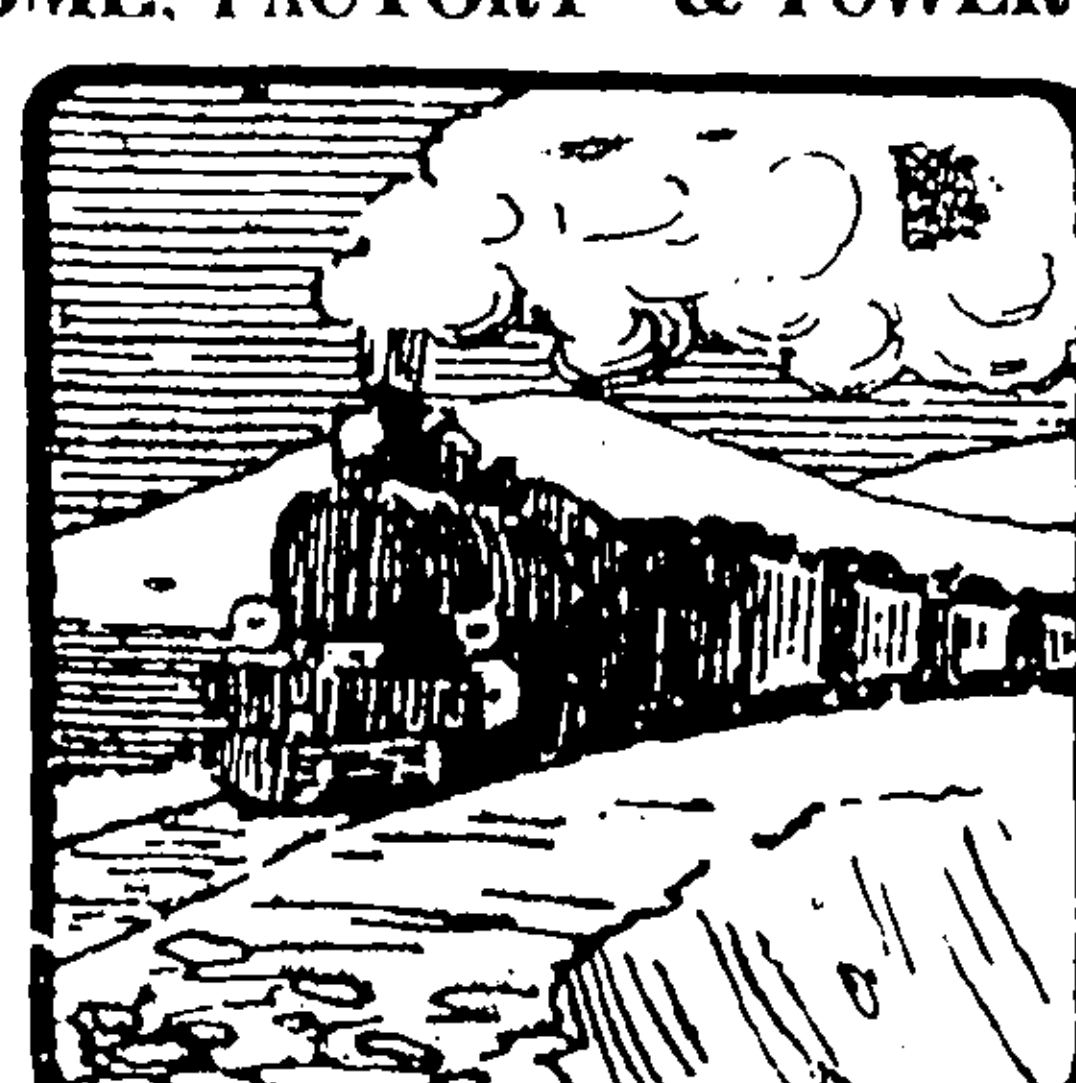
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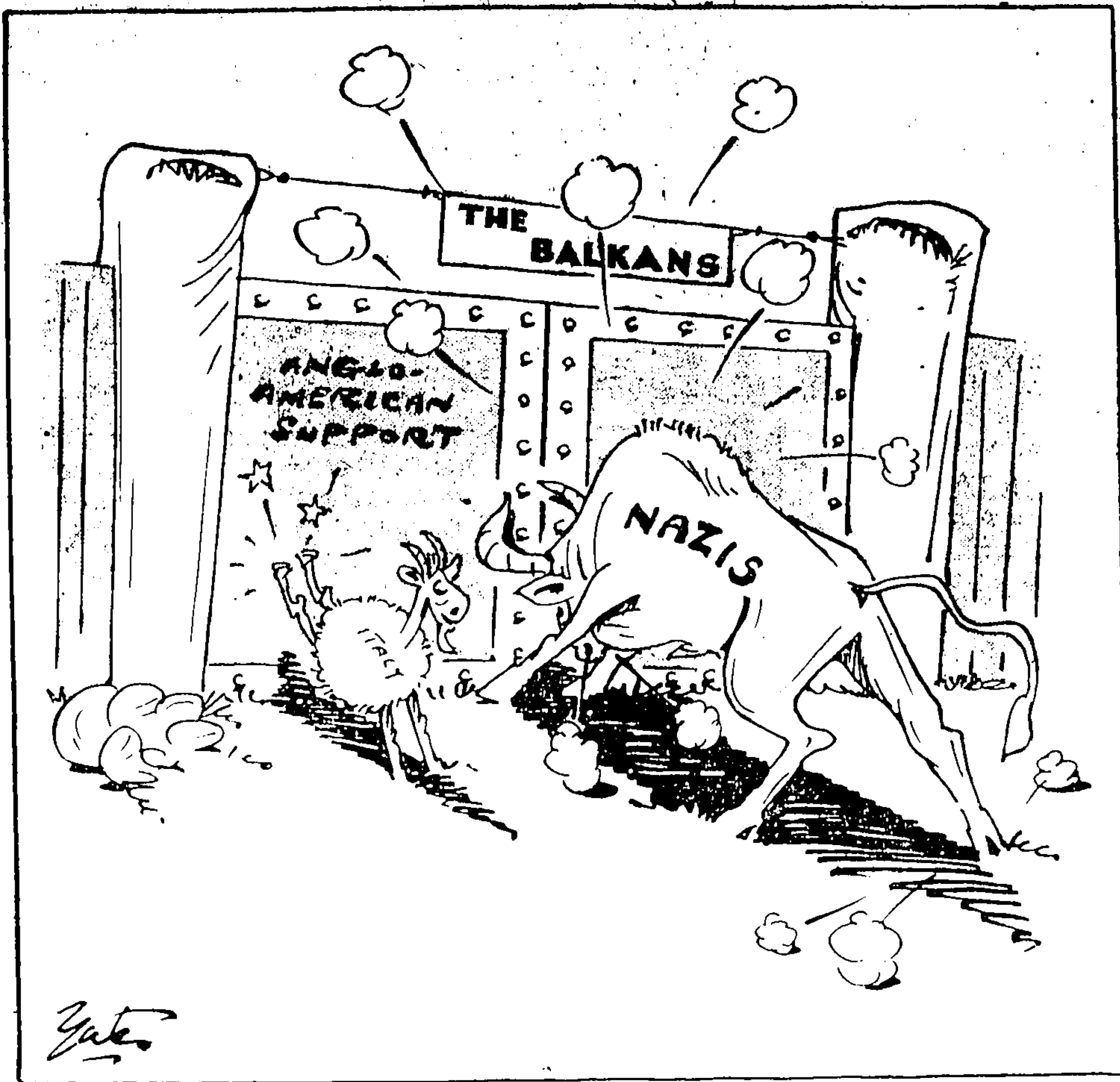
SPRING: 1941

For most people in this world Spring has tender associations. For Adolf Hitler it is otherwise. To him, when the hounds of Spring are on Winter's traces, when the Red Gods make their medicine anew, another sort of impulse comes. The sap of empire rises in him. He must break another promise, commit another treachery, destroy some nation's liberty.

It comes as no surprise, therefore, that he has invaded Greece and Yugoslavia—two small countries that have given him no offence, unless it is the unforgivable offence of refusing meek submission to dishonour and slavery. Men, women and children in both countries will die because of what Spring, the time of blossoming, the season of tenderness and hope, means to Hitler and what he has made it mean to the German nation.

But Hitler has not conquered Spring. No Fifth Column betrays the inexorable processes of Nature. There will be a season for Hitler upon which he cannot trample. It has happened before in the Balkans that when the snows melted liberty flamed and when the last gun has been fired, the event may show that even at this moment Hitler has begun something he cannot finish, that he has set in motion the ploughshare that will turn his evil system under.

On all sides in the Balkans, he is surrounded either by subjugated and hostile nations who wait only for a favourable moment to shake the neo-slavery from their shoulders and restore their independent existence, or by countries like Soviet Russia and Turkey, who if they have not yet moved in support of stricken Yugoslavia, are undisguisedly sympathetic and may yet provide Adolf Hitler with a sharp shock. Moreover, if Hitler has struck, he has this time been unable to develop deception and intrigue to the stage where invasion finds his intended victims unprepared. Not only are Greece and Yugoslavia fully mobilised, but a powerful British army is already on Balkan soil. Hitler may achieve his early successes, but the completion of the task may well try him beyond his worst expectations.



BULL AT THE GATE

Our Sheltered Lives

Yesterday the children spent fourteen hours in their air raid shelter a deep dug-out in the bank where the primroses come up each year, fitted with wooden bunks. Poor brats, it's demoralising for them. Five o'clock has become the peak period of our day.

Evening and the day's work is over. Relax. Draw the curtains. Stoke up the fire. Pass the buttered toast. No, no. That belongs to yesterday. To-day, hark! There's Meaning Mummy earlier than usual. Has everyone remembered that black-out time gets earlier each day, too? Get the children into the shelter. Mind the light when you open the door. Got your torches? rubber boots? woollen slippers over pyjamas? snoods? tell them we'll have tea in the dug-out for a treat if there's any methylated spirit left for the stove. Over you go. How are we to make their sheltered lives endurable?

All day I've worked to make the dug-out "homey." Books. A picture or two. A little rug. A portable radio. I call Violet to see the improvements but Violet, who's been depressed because her Christmas mail was late, sniffs and says it's just another room to keep tidy, isn't it, and younger daughter, while approving the emergency supplies of candy and biscuits—upon which they make an immediate assault directly the anti-aircraft guns start firing—says, "Won't it be lovely when we can go upstairs to bed?"

All this week the guns have been affecting me strangely. Find it impossible to say certain words. Violet is no help whatever and only stares helplessly when I ask her to put the "you know what" on for tea. Am quite able to get out words like "spout" and "lid" but am obliged to draw picture of kettle before she jumps to it. The patient attention of my family only makes me worse, and the tradespeople think I'm playing some new kind of game. "Wouff, wouff," goes our little pet gun down the road which sounds as though it is hidden in the winter jasmine outside the drawing-room window, and I hear myself asking the butcher for two pounds of er... little red and white things. Butcher stares. Violet stares, mouth open. Try again. Little er... red, moist things, you know, cutlets! Whoops! Burr! goes our big gun, pride of the neighbourhood, echoing over the hills like a summer storm and I find it impossible to either say or pantomime the word "custard". Violet stands and gazes at me, head on one side. Can only cry bleakly that it's thick, yellow stuff... pour from a jug... eat with apple pie... We give up and have our pie without custard and

it isn't until hours later when I'm in my bath that I am able to cry out triumphantly "custard!"

In the early days of the Blitz the frequent alerts affected me in odd ways, too. I'd begin frantically to pick up matches, empty ash-trays, re-arrange furniture, put cushions straight while anxious faces would peer from the doorway of the dug-out and fingers beckon wildly. When one incendiary bomb came down a

By Phillida Hughes

mile away, and sent the roofs of workmen's cottages flying, I was to be seen running upstairs rag in hand to clean the bath. But that has passed, and now when the Blitz begins, and the man of the house has got into his Home Guard uniform and slipped out into the dark, we join the children in the shelter and have sing-songs. We're all uncomfortable and would rather be back in the house and take a chance but it isn't fair to the children to keep them in the dug-out if we're not there ourselves. The children blink through the smoke. A burly Canadian soldier passes and puts his head round the door. Violet, wearing her tin hat rather fetchingly on the back of her head, goes backwards and forwards to the house through the din and the barrage and the falling shrapnel to fetch hot cocoa. The Canadian leans against the wall which is still damp (far more dangerous inside the dug-out than outside says Violet who is rheumatism-conscious) and sings the songs of the last war which his father taught him before he came over. We make merry.

Crack! There's a noise like an express train coming towards us and then the sound of falling coals. A Molotov Breadbasket. Incendiary bombs! We run out into the garden and that and the roadway beyond are dazzling with green and orange light. The children's faces appear at the dug-out door. May they help? We have them back. We bang hard at the fire bombs which glow fiercer and brighter as we bang them. There is a firework display all over the garden. Two perfect strangers come in to help and silently tac-

kle the cabbage bed, and, their work done, they slip away, spades over their shoulders waving aside our thanks. Violet and I feel elated at having put out nine bombs between us and then we think of our own house and rush upstairs to find a top floor room burning furiously.

Now it's come and we aren't doing anything, nothing that the patient Government has been telling us to do for months. Violet and I bump into each other in the dark for all the electric lights have fused and the telephone has gone too. We have nothing ready (so silly, because, of course, they won't come here) no candles or matches handy, the batteries have all run down in the torches, where are the gas masks? and this is the first night we didn't fill the bath, just in case.

We go out into the din, because by this time hell is let loose overhead, and cry fire! fire! until an elderly neighbour appears and hurries down the steps and up the stairs and is soon tackling the fire with soda water syphons because Violet and I are incapable of finding jugs or even knowing where they are kept. By this time a diminutive lady air-raid Warden has arrived with the Auxiliary Fire Fighting Service at her heels. "Go to it, lads", she cries and they plunge into the smoke. Have you a ladder? get us some flour then. The fire fighters look about eight feet tall in their Gary Cooper boots and faces gray with smoke. I keep running out through the barrage to see if the children are alright. They are. Oh, God! they are.

When I come back the fire is out and the lady Warden has dashed away to the next. The tallest fire fighter, who turns out to be a middle-aged business man, says he only got off the business train at 7.45 and was in his uniform by eight o'clock and that he has spoilt his best suit by falling flat in our garden as a high explosive whistled overhead and he gets no allowance for clothes, not even for his tin hat which he had to buy himself. I raise my eyebrows and click my tongue sympathetically because it's still too noisy to talk and amidst the smell of charred wood, and the mess of water and flour and the thick gray powder the bombs give out we offer them our last drop of gin which they refuse. So we make coffee and sit on the stairs drinking it and laughing like mad because our home is safe.

I tiptoe over to the dug-out. "Mind the light," says my elder daughter kindly. The younger child turns a page of her book, looks up and smiles, and returns to her book.

I go over again. They are fast asleep.

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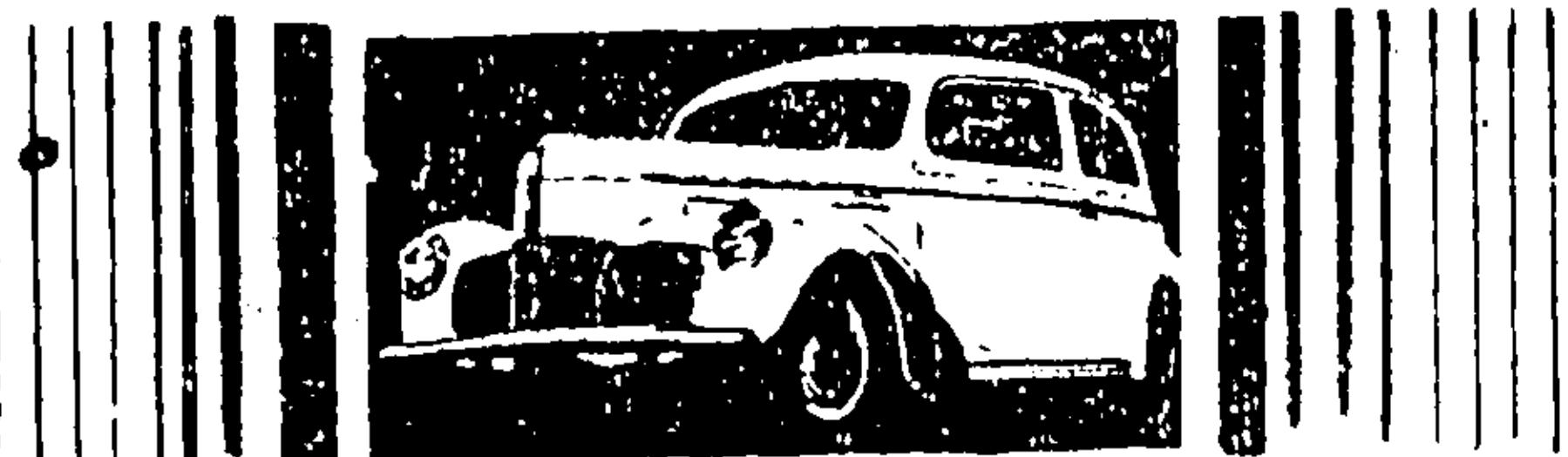
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MAINTENANCE COMMAND'S VITAL WORK

(By Wing Commander L. V. Fraser)

THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT by Lord Beaverbrook that vast reserves of fighters and bombers are being held all over England in secret storehouses ready for imminent operations, draws attention towards the work of a little known, but vitally important part of the R.A.F.'s organisation. This is the Maintenance Command.

The Maintenance Command stands ready to provide all equipment from a nut to new aircraft ready to take the air in Britain's increasing offensive. The following is the inside story of the department of the R.A.F.

The Maintenance Command is the universal provider for operational stations at home and abroad. Thousands of men and women, masters of almost every trade, are working at full speed to keep aircraft in the air, or should they be brought to the ground in unserviceable condition, to restore them to service with the minimum of delay.

One group deals with general equipment, such as barrack stores and clothing; another deals with complete aircraft. A third and fourth are concerned with ammunition, fuel and oil, and salvage and repair operations, respectively.

The repair depots are great workshops, dealing immediately with every repairable piece of R.A.F. equipment. Engines, honourably scarred on service, are brought to these workshops. Sometimes masses of dirty greasy metal are brought in which are hard to recognise; within a few hours this metal takes on a new appearance.

Parts Re-Conditioned

Various parts are re-conditioned and faulty parts replaced, and as trolleys round the workshop, they once more begin to take their accustomed shapes. In other workshops, instruments damaged in service are similarly re-conditioned. They too, whatever their condition when brought to the workshops, pass out perfect after the final inspection. Within the depots are foundries, where scrap metal is melted down and put into casting machines for re-making into machinery.

Salvage sections are constantly on the alert. Mobile units stand by for 24 hours a day, and should any aircraft, including enemy planes, crash they move off immediately. The crash is located, and the wrecks either repaired or reduced to scrap. Even if an aeroplane crashes on a mountainside, salvage crews will dismantle it and move the parts carefully to proper destinations. Not one ounce of metal is wasted.

The salvage parties climb up mountains where neither horse nor tractor could go. The parts of dismantled aircraft have to be carried by hand to a place where transportation can be obtained. During the bitter winter weather such parties worked through the night in bogs or on frozen earth, but never once left the job half-finished.

Commercial End

In a sense the Maintenance Command is the commercial side of the R.A.F. It operates in a large, closely-knit system, which will follow the smallest part of an aircraft, or a whole new squadron, from the time it is ordered, to the time it is delivered, keeping a close check on every move.

Throughout the country there exist depots, stocked with every conceivable item. Three-quarters of a million different stores are classed by name, and any one can be obtained by sending a ten word message.

The greatest civilian business houses have been combed for technical or executive skill, to deal with the vast wholesale and retail distribution the command undertakes. Great stores are investigated for quick deliveries, and mail order systems of industrial combines examined for points. The value of decentralisation and efficient serving of the world's commercial carrier systems are looked into and when modified meet a greater business combination than even these civilian services handled.

Stocks, hundreds of millions of pounds in value, are stored, ship-

ped, checked and listed. A gigantic fleet of cars and lorries is constantly on the move all over Britain delivering supplies. Hundreds of thousands of tons of equipment and ammunition are handled by this road transport, which covers a million and a quarter miles a month. The total effort is equivalent to moving 70,000,000 tons of material around the earth in a year.

Ammunition Depot

In ammunition depots unending rows of heavy high explosives stand, giving an indication of the blow being struck at Germany.

One equipment depot alone averages nearly 50,000 postings of stock each month, and among the civilian staff working with the service is a strange assortment of people. Every unit is bound up with every other. If one cannot supply a certain part immediately, it is known which one can and in a few seconds orders can be sent to it.

Little is known of the vitally important task the Maintenance Command performs in carrying on its shoulders the business end of the R.A.F. It is operated by a keen, powerful body of men, all its heads being experts in their own sphere. The R.A.F. is never in doubt of the service behind it. Expansion of the force is increasing rapidly, but its needs have been foreseen and anticipated requirements can be steadily met.

PACIFISTS CAUSE A STRIKE

Wardens and first aid men walked out of Edgware Road Tube Station in London when they learned that stretcher-bearers attached to the shelter first aid post were pacifists.

These men members of the Pacifist Service Union, offered themselves for any suitable service, and were appointed to their job by the Marylebone Medical Officer of Health. Eight of them took it in turns to do duty at the Tube shelter.

Dressed in brown dungarees and wearing armbands with the initials "P.S.U.," they had been at Edgware Road Station for a fortnight before the shelter wardens realised they were pacifists. Someone had put up a card on the place they occupy: "Reserved for Pacifists."

"Are you pacifists?" asked a spokesman.

"Yes, definitely," was the reply.

"Well, we won't work here so long as you are on duty," said the warden—and the warden marched out. St. John Ambulance men took the same decision.

Rescued A Woman

The chief warden has now recommended that the pacifists should be withdrawn.

One of the stretcher-bearers told a reporter:—

"Members of our organisation have done all kinds of service in this borough and elsewhere. Personally I'd rather be doing

CRIPPLE BEATS U-BOAT

A crippled British cargo boat, steaming at only two knots in the Atlantic, fought a powerful U-boat with her one gun — and won.

The submarine was left helpless on the surface, with clouds of smoke and fumes pouring from her.

The ship was the Sarastone, of Llandelly, in command of Captain John Herbert. She was in an Atlantic convoy when boiler trouble reduced her speed to two knots. The convoy went on. Captain Herbert decided to make for Lisbon.

Two days later the Sarastone's men saw the U-boat surfacing three miles away.

Smashed Heavy Gun

Captain Herbert held the fire of his twelve-pounder gun.

The Sarastone was going so slowly that the U-boat apparently thought she was stopped and approached from astern.

When the Germans were two miles off they opened fire with a light gun and missed.

The Sarastone's twelve-pounder replied, but the shell fell short.

The British seamen saw the Germans bring the U-boat's heavy gun to bear on their ship.

At that moment the Sarastone's gunner fired a second time. This shell burst under the submarine's heavy gun and put it out of action.

Second Hit

This reduced the fight to a duel between light guns. And the Sarastone's 12-pounder scored a second hit. A shell crashed aft on the submarine.

The Sarastone's delighted crew saw clouds of smoke and yellow fumes coming from the U-boat which, however, continued to fire the light gun and a pom-pom.

The action went on until the Sarastone's gunners, having loosed off twenty-seven rounds, realised that the submarine had stopped.

Undamaged by the enemy's fire, the crippled Sarastone steamed on. The submarine lay astern, even more crippled.

COME TO SHOOT YOU BOY TELLS MASTER

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD HAROLD WAGNER, SUSPENDED FROM HIS SCHOOL IN BROOKLYN, U.S.A., FOR THROWING ROCKS THROUGH THE WINDOWS, WALKED INTO THE ROOM OF THE HEADMASTER, MR. MILTON SALT, AND CALMLY ANNOUNCED, "I CAME HERE TO SHOOT YOU."

Then, pulling out a sawn-off rifle, he fired at the principal.

Mr. Salt, wounded in the shoulder, rushed forward and pinned Harold to the floor, held him there until two clerks took charge of the boy.

The schoolmaster was taken to hospital, where his wound was found not to be serious, and Harold was taken to the police station.

rescue work.

"The other night we spent an hour getting a woman out of the basement of a building hit by a bomb. A gas main had burst. Three of us had to be carried to a first-aid post for treatment but we got the woman out."

The chief warden said:— "I am afraid our fellows acted a little hastily by walking out. But they are back on duty tonight."

"The pacifist volunteers are no longer here. We are making other arrangements to replace them."

SAW BULLETS SHATTER HIS COCKPIT---SAFE

AS HE SQUEEZED through his blazing plane to bale out, the pilot of a British bomber over Southern Albania saw his seat and instrument panel fly to pieces under a hail of Italian machine-gun bullets.

He jumped—and his parachute harness, nicked by a bullet, jerked one of his legs up behind his neck and broke it just above the knee.

Then, as he floated down with a bullet through his elbow, an Italian fighter came after him and put twenty-bullets through his parachute. But the British pilot, a twenty-three-year-old flight-lieutenant, of Woodchurch, Kent, lived.

Twelve days after his machine was seen in flames and its crew given up as lost, he and his men turned up at their base—all except the gunner, who was killed.

Sitting up in bed, his leg and arm in splints, the pilot said:

"We had dropped our bombs. Then Italian fighters were after us. A Macchi 200 got a good burst in, and suddenly the fuselage between the cockpit and the gunner's turret burst into a blazing furnace.

"I told the crew to jump, but from the gunner, whose gun had stopped firing, I could get no reply.

"The observer climbed out first and was gone, but the hatch on my side stuck, so I moved over to follow the observer.

"Jolly fortunate I did so, for just as I was squeezing through to the hatch an enemy fighter let another burst into our aircraft, this time destroying my seat and the instrument panel. I saw it go to pieces as I was about to jump.

In Greek Lines

"When I did bale out, part of my parachute harness caught round my leg. As the parachute opened, my leg was jerked up and broken.

"I was not in too good a shape because of the bullet through the elbow. With twenty bullets through my parachute, we counted the holes later. I landed pretty heavily.

"My observer came down at a village further away in the valley. After half an hour Greek soldiers found me.

"Soldiers bandaged me up, found a stretcher, and for four days carried me cheerfully over the mountains, often through deep snow and along narrow mountain tracks with precipitous edges.

"Looking over the side of my stretcher I saw a terrifying chasm, yet my sure-footed helpers never slipped or slithered.

"We stopped at nights in villages. Local soldiers and a few civilians were good to us. At last we reached Koritza then on to Florina, where my leg and arm were put in splints.

"My observer, who was O.K. except for burns on the face and hands, went back to the job.

"I went to hospital. It was certainly an experience—nice to look back upon, anyhow."

BALLOONS HIT CABLES

Drifting barrage balloons hitting cables caused an extensive interruption of electricity supplies in many districts south of the Thames and in south-west England.

The balloons, breaking away from their moorings, became entangled in vital electricity cables, short circuiting them.

Some places were without power for several hours.

Richmond and Twickenham were among the districts affected. In some parts of Richmond the light went off and on three times.

Owing to the electricity supply having failed, candles and an oil lamp were used in the blacked-out court at Dorchester when Private David Miller Jennings, twenty, was again remanded on a charge of murdering Albert Edward Farley.

DREAM OF 1760 AIDS WAR TO-DAY

You would laugh if you saw a soldier carrying a 170-year-old weapon. Probably you would lay any odds that nothing invented over 150 years ago and still made by exactly the same process could be used in modern warfare.

But you would be wrong. For in many British shells are a few lead shot pellets added to give the top of the shell ballast.

And this shot is made in the same place in Bristol and in the same manner that it was made in 1769.

Actually Edward Dowling who has been the shotmaker for forty-six years owes his job to a dream.

Roof Experiment

For one night in the 1760's William Watts, who eventually sold his patent for £10,000, dreamed that he dropped molten lead from the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe into the moat, and that it came out resembling slugs.

He tried the experiment from the church roof with his wife holding a bucket of water below and found he was right.

Then he took a house nearby, cut away the floors of the tower to allow a clear space down through the cellar to a well below and dropped his lead 120ft. from the top floor.

To-day the house, known as the Bristol shot tower stands unnoticed in a busy main thoroughfare. And Dowling, whose father held the job for thirty years before him drops his lead from precisely the same spot into precisely the same well as did Watts.

WILL TRIBUTE TO POLICE

Mrs. Kathleen Mary Ephraïm Dorman, widow, of The Hermitage, Richmond, Surrey, in her will left £20 to the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage "in gratitude for the unfailing courtesy to me of the police."

The residue of her £6,669 estate she left to the Royal College of Music to found a scholarship in connection with violin playing.

EVEN SEX APPEAL CHANGED

Even sex appeal is changing these days, and it's not the fault of the war either. The man who says so has directed most of the screen's glamour girls for the past twenty years.

"We don't call it sex appeal to-day, we call it glamour," Clarence Brown, the director, told a reporter. In the old days we dressed sex appeal up in black satin and bedecked it with jewels, then we sat it in a corner.

"To-day it romps all over the screen, gets its face dirty and its hair uncombed. It has chucked the black satin for simple sports frocks. It has come out of the boudoir and into the open."

At present Brown is directing James Stewart and Hedy Lamarr in Metro's "Come Live With Me."

"Miss Lamarr would never have been able to wear anything but skin-tight black satin in the old days," he said, "but look at her now. Her suits are straight-lined, she doesn't drop her eyes and gaze at the hero through half-closed lids. When the occasion demands, she uses her fists—and the audiences love it."

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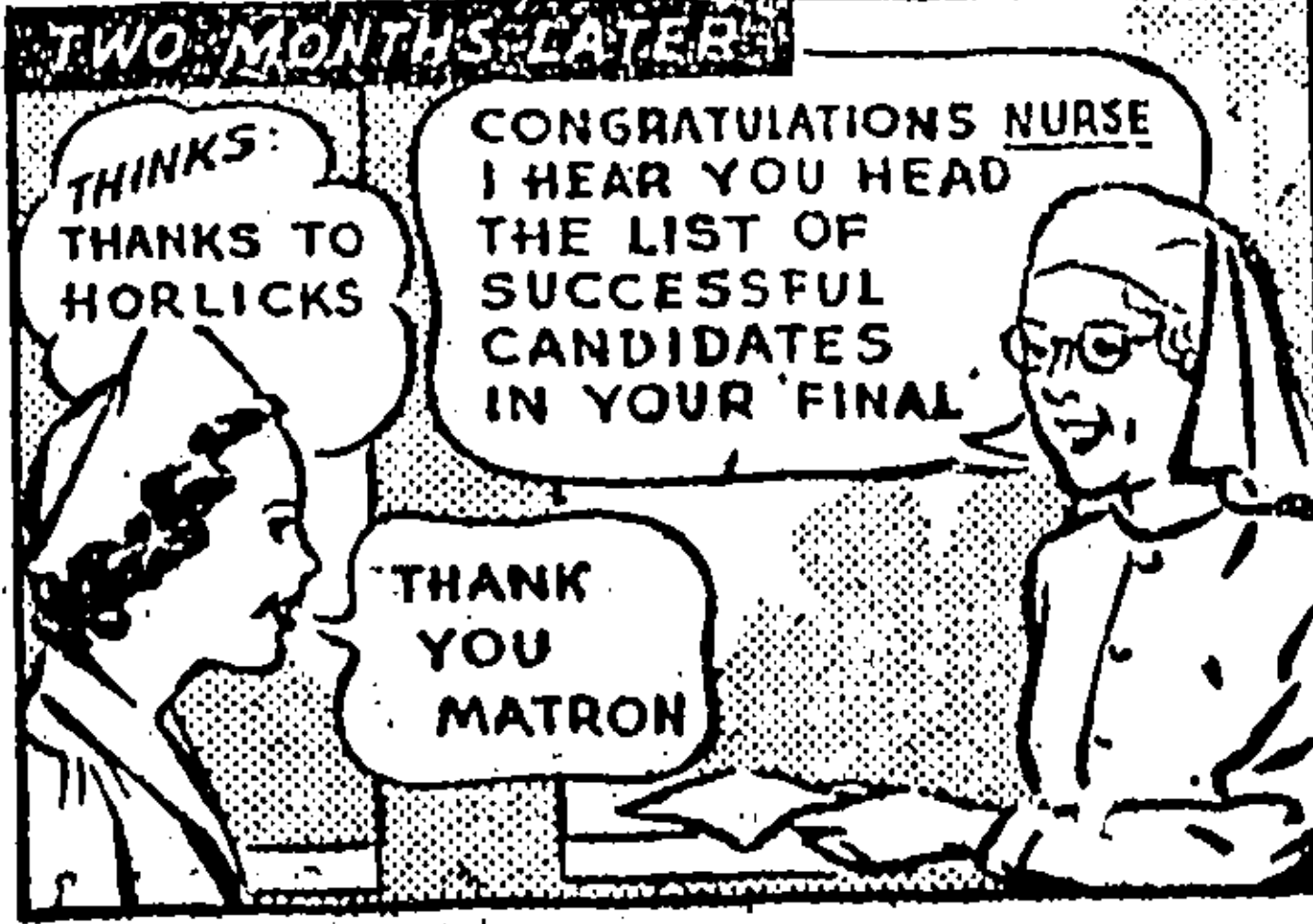
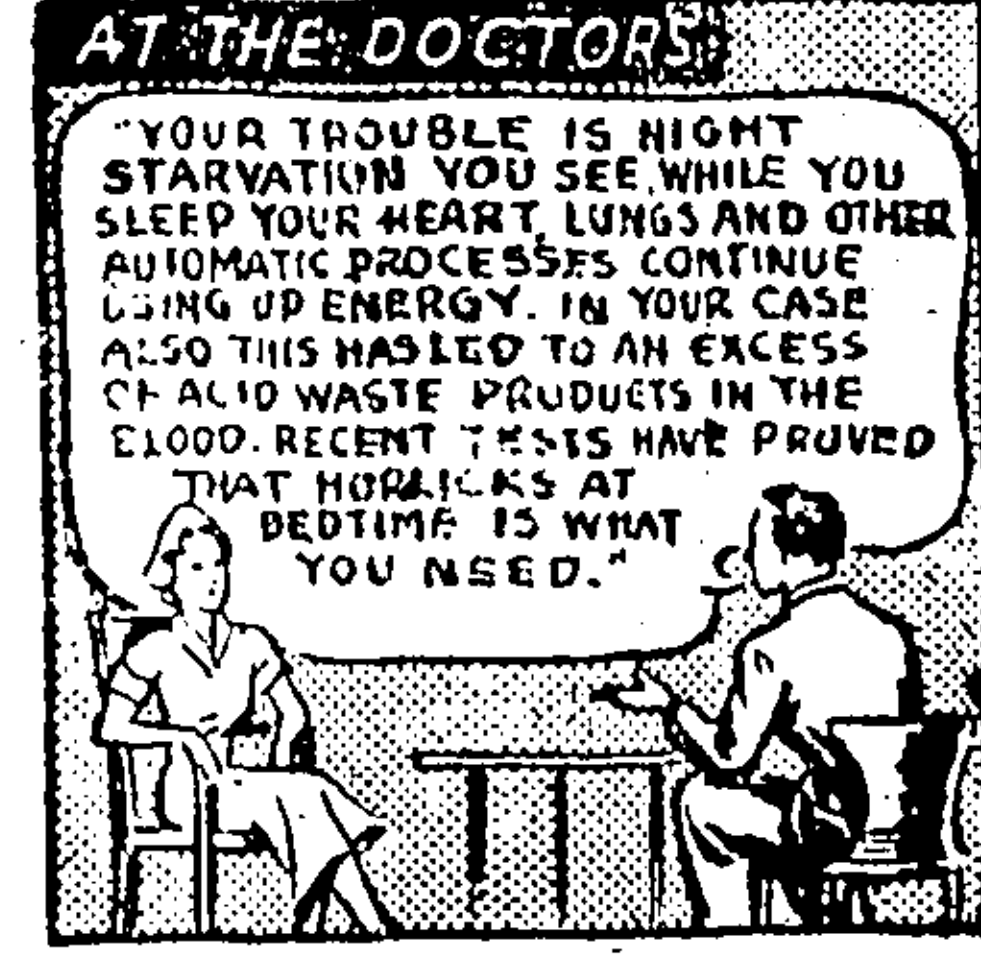
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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941 both days inclusive.

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General Managers.
24th March, 1941.

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Hong Kong, 7th April, 1941.

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The THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 12th and MONDAY, 14th APRIL, 1941, commencing at 11.30 a.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on both days.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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C. B. BROWN,
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BRIDGE NOLES

Helping A Miracle Along By The Four Aces

Every player occasionally finds himself in a pickle from which only a miracle can extricate him. Our teammate, Oswald Jacoby, found such a hand the other day, and managed to help the miracle along:

North, Dealer
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♠ 2
♥ Q 8 7 4
♦ A J 10 9 5
♣ A K 9
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♠ J 5
♥ K 8 7 4 3
♦ Q 10 8 7
♣ 3 2

♠ A K Q 10 8 6 3
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ J 5
♣ Mr. Jacoby

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	6♠	Pass

West led the three of hearts, dummy played low, and East ruffed — much to Mr. Jacoby's disappointment. East returned the spade Jack, and our teammate was in the lead, wondering what play to make for his twelfth trick.

West could be squeezed if he held, in addition to the hearts, both diamond honours or both the missing club honours. But there would be no squeeze if East held an honour in each minor suit; for East could save whatever dummy saved, and West could concentrate on saving the hearts. Mr. Jacoby therefore was dependent on a minor miracle to make his contract, but decided to give the miracle a helping hand.

After drawing three rounds of trumps, he led to the club King and returned the Jack of diamonds. East required a bit, and finally put up her diamond King. South ruffing. There was no excuse for East's play, for surely Mr. Jacoby would have taken the normal diamond finesse if he held the diamond Queen. But East's blunder brought about the miracle.

Declarer ran the rest of the trumps, saving in dummy the club Ace, diamond Ace-ten, and a heart. West saved two diamonds and two hearts, but then a club lead ruined his hand—he had to surrender a diamond trick to the dummy or a heart trick to South.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maler's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ A Q J 10 9 8
♥ —
♦ A 10 5 4
♣ 7 6 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Schenker	Maler
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
6♥	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid six spades. You can't tell whether or not the opponents can make the Slam in hearts, but you can't afford to guess about vulnerable Slams when you can take out insurance at the cost of a one-trick or two-trick set. This hand was actually played, and the spade Slam—although intended as a sacrifice—was made because of a perfect fit.

Score 100% for six spades, 40% for pass, 20% for double.

Question No. 685
To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 10 5 3
♥ 7 2
♦ Q J 4
♣ A K 9

The bidding:

You	Schenker	Jacoby	Maler
1♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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MAKE WAY FOR THE DUCHESS

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

"Make way for the Duchess" is the slogan which British refugees from Nazi-occupied countries, tired and worn, and often penniless, have adopted to describe the efforts of the British Repatriation Office to get them home.

The band of Englishwomen volunteers who assist at the office in one neutral country appear to be putting their own society and titled friends from Riviera villas first on the passenger lists.

Ordinary Mr. and Mrs. Refugee, who may be anxious to get back to a job in Britain, make no complaint about that. But they do complain that the inability of the "Duchesses" to know their own minds for two minutes at a time is unfair to them, for they are kept waiting while the "Duchess" decides whether she'll take the cabin offered her or whether she will return to England at all.

Meanwhile, awaiting her decision, less influential refugees are kept dancing uncertainly between offices, passport bureaux and shipping agencies.

Red Tape—And Strings

If at the last moment the "Duchess" decides she can travel without hot water in her cabin, the less privileged ones have to stand aside.

"Come back again, there may be room for you in the next boat," they are told. When they come back they are treated with scant courtesy.

One white-haired little woman, who had just got out of France, was told by one of these women helpers: "What do you want to return to England for? Old people like you are no use in England, anyway."

"Perhaps not," she replied, "but I nursed the mentfolk of a y generation through the last war, and since my two sons were killed at Dunkirk, I'd like to get back where I have friends."

In fairness, it should be said that this woman did get back to England immediately. But the red tape system with strings on it is continuing.



COURT MARTIAL OF D.S.O. CAPTAIN

The trial of Captain Fane Andrew James Macfarlane, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.C.M., aged sixty-seven, of the London Scottish, by general court-martial ended at Mytchett, near Aldershot. He was found not guilty on six charges of causing by negligence a loss to public funds of sums totalling £180.

Findings of the Court on six other charges of fraudulently misapplying this money to his own use will be made known later.

Evidence was given by the Aldershot Command psychologist, Major E. A. Bennett, that Macfarlane was suffering from a trouble which affected his efficiency and his mind.

The defending officer asked the Court to remember that they were dealing with a mentally sick man.

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By ED REED



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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Vitamin B Complex

The two articles I have written about Vitamin A and Vitamin B, respectively, have been so gratefully received by readers that I have been urged to write one on Vitamin B Complex, the energy vitamin of which we are hearing so much this year.

The Vitamin B Complex is a tablet or capsule containing extracts from food (or synthetic units) which contain Vitamins B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Of these vitamins B2 is riboflavin and B6 is nicotinic acid.

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Getting B Complex In Food

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The most common symptoms of deficiency of this vitamin are, "pellagra" (skin infection), lack of appetite, constipation, and nervous disorders. The vitamin is also thought to influence the intelligence, and to affect the amount and quality of mother's milk.

The Vitamin B complex is so new that the layman has not been generally informed about its factors. But we do know that yeast, liver, wheat germ, whole grains, tomatoes and other vegetables,



Any lunch hour will find the Zurich Room of a famous New York beauty salon filled with beauties eating "health" portants foods is the secret. Sufficient vitamins from im-

furnish a goodly amount of Vitamin B complex. You see this is why one should eat breads made of whole grains, wild rice instead of polished rice, and the skins of

our vegetables and fruits in most instances. When one grows anemic, one's skin scales and pales, hair grows dull, energy lags.

In Choosing Food

In selecting your vegetables and fruits at the market you should insist upon those which have been sun ripened. Vegetables need the sun for full growth, just as do we and there is a chemical benefit from the sun on plants and on the body which has not as yet been fully explored. Sun is very necessary, get it whenever you can. Refuse vegetables that have been picked young and ripened after they have been packed—that is if you want to get the most health and beauty for your money. Those of you who pick at food and have so many food dislikes are doing yourself an injustice and no one else—not even the cook or mother. We need a well-balanced diet as I repeat and repeat. We need plenty of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables, we need whole grains, honey, some meats (especially liver), some fish, all the dairy foods. None of these need be prepared in fancy manner—in fact the more you eat simply cooked or raw the better will be your beauty!

ed). Hold the book in position without bending your knees the slightest. That calls for a good stretching and to make it the first time you should sit erectly, grow tall from the waist, raise your arms overhead and swing them forward to touch the book. Do this several times.

Your next exercise is a bit more difficult and take it easy at first. Hold the book between your feet without the aid of your hands and carry it up in the air and over in a semi-somersault. (See Stretch 2). Once you master this last one with ease you are well on the road to figure agility and beauty!

Benefits of exercises: Your spine and neck muscles are stretched, your abdomen is trained in and up, your bust muscles are firmed, your thigh and hip measurements are streamlined a bit every time you make that semi-somersault!

Make Refashioning Fun

Don't sit and groan about your figure condition or wish you had money enough to have it refashioned by massage. Simply resolve to have fun each day as you exercise so you will not mind spending from fifteen minutes to a half hour limbering and re-modelling.

You do not need to have a specific programme even. Once you have limbered your body so it doesn't feel as if it would break in two when you pick up something from the floor, you can pretty well add almost any movement to your routine and benefit by it. Movement is life, sufficient body movement will bring beauty to it.

A group of women wrote me that they have formed a "Tea-Time Exercise Class," and are having great fun. Instead of meeting for bridge, or gossip, or eating between meal snacks, these neighbours meet to exercise. They push the furniture in corners and go to it with the aid of radio music and they write they are feeling fine and their figures are improving. The interesting part is, each of them has a specific figure flaw but they have dis-

covered to their surprise that the same exercises are helping all of them! It is a good idea for other groups of women.

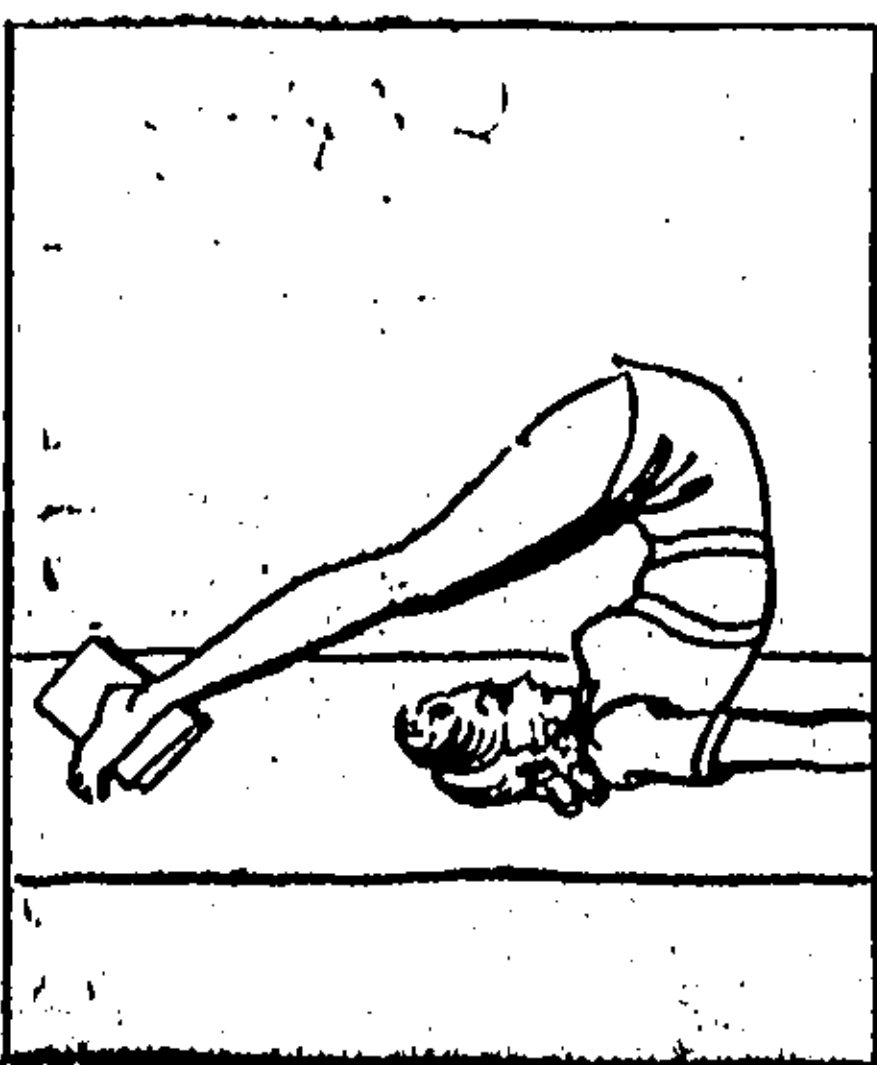
Play With A Book

Time and again, I have told women through this column, that it is the stretching that counts in exercising. If you stretch your muscles and keep them elastic you will have little difficulty in standing and walking and dancing in correct posture. If you hold yourself in good posture your figure will benefit—it will grow prettier and the flesh will distribute itself normally. If you stretch through exercising faithfully and watch your diet excess pounds will gradually disappear. What weight remains should be firm and pleasing in contour.

What Counts

Instead of sitting down reading a book to-day and munching on sweets, use the book to exercise and have a little fun.

Place it between your feet after your legs have been stretched out on the floor (Stretch 1 illustrat-

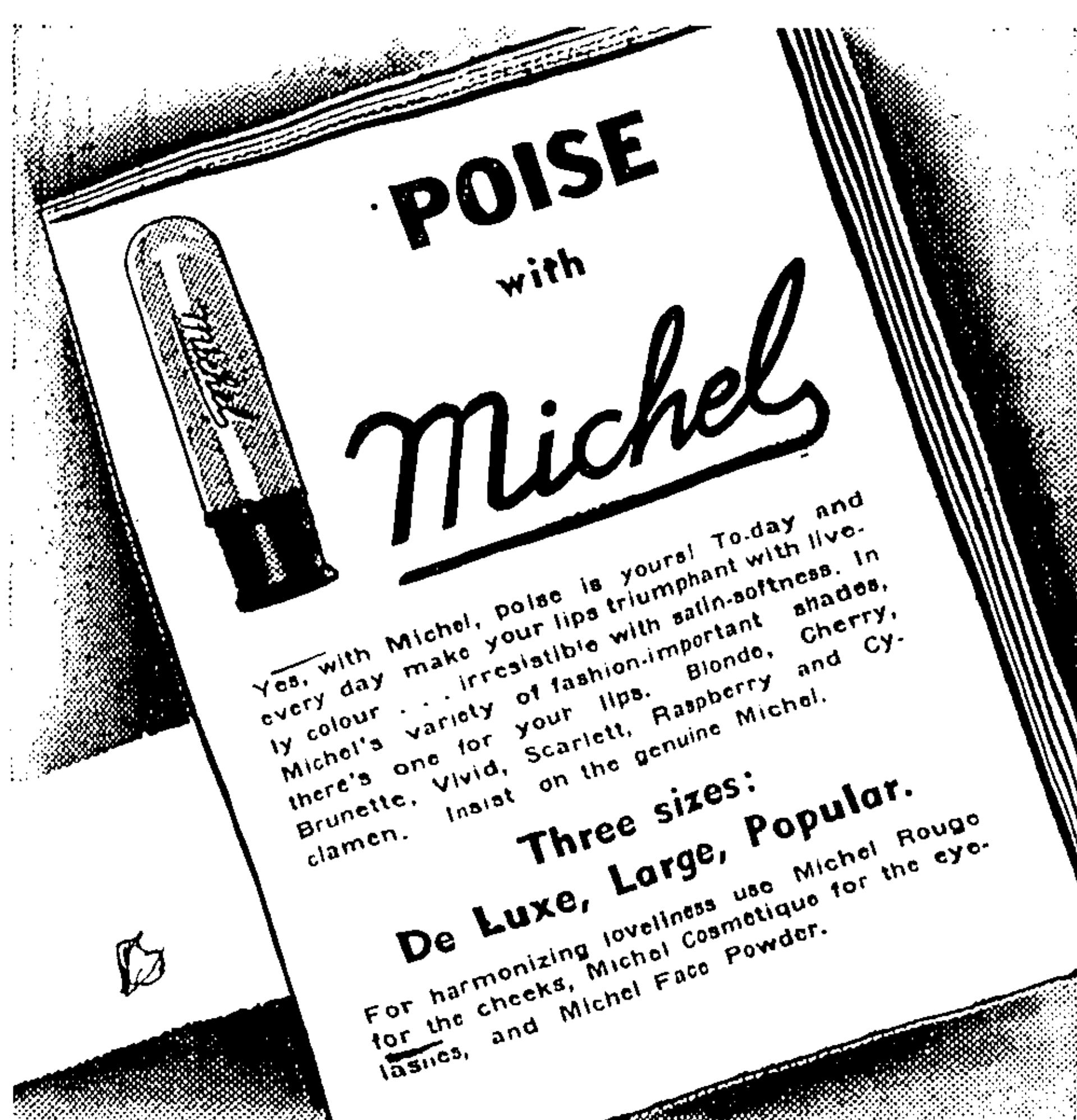


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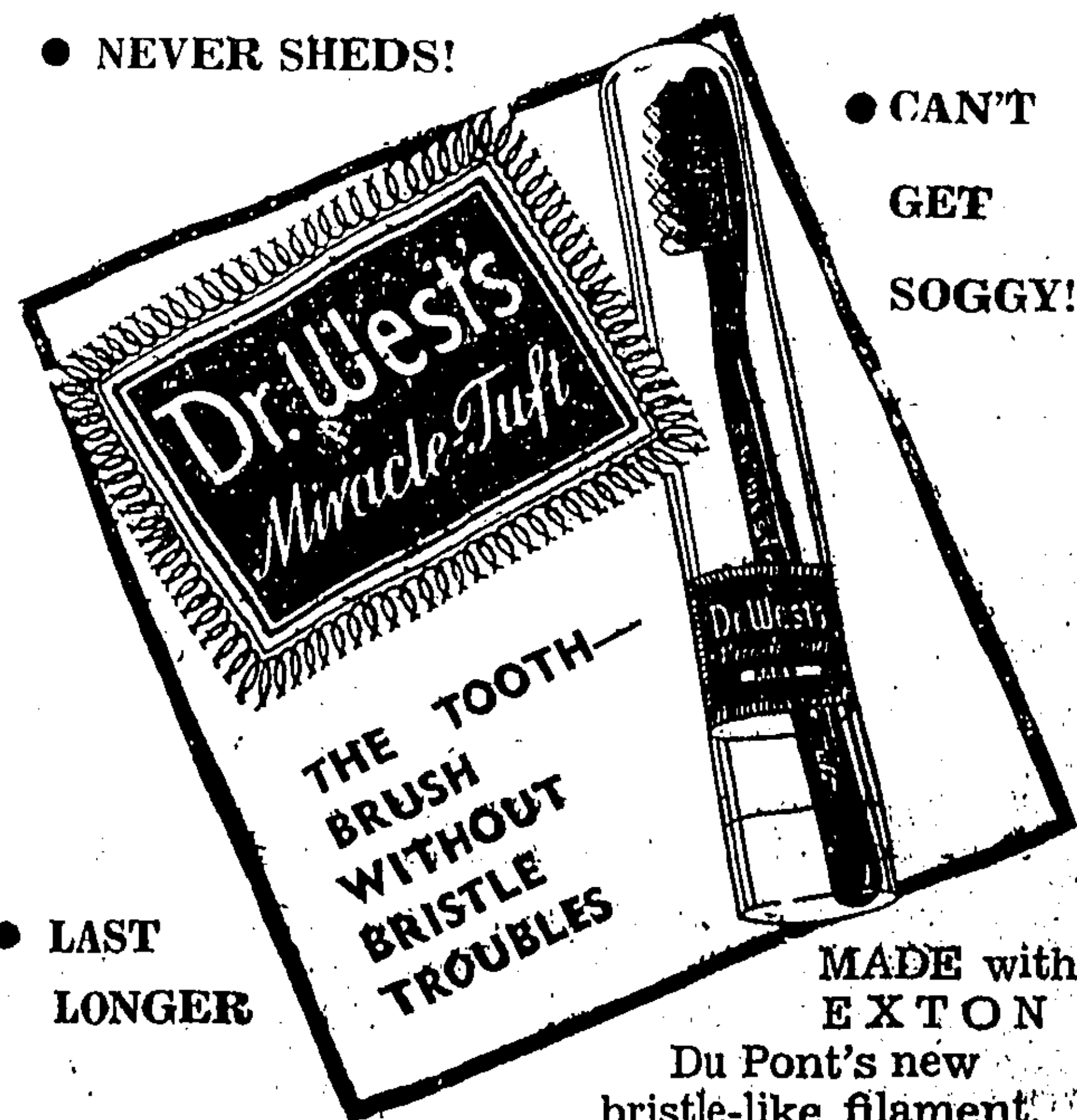
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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at

11.30 a.m. Friday, 11th April
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SATURDAY, APRIL 12	
Canton	5.30 p.m.

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RADIO

3 SCOUTS RUN BLITZ CANTEEN

Three Bristol Sea Scouts brave the blitz at night to run a mobile canteen for A.F.S. men—the only lads in the country to do such work unaided by adults. They belong to the 1st Bristol Y.M.C.A. troop and the Y.M.C.A. gives them the canteen.

When the barge which was their headquarters was sunk in a blitz, the lads transferred their pennant to the mobile canteen. Now, with colours flying, they go out into the darkness driven by seventeen-year-old Ivor Rudge, who though he can go anywhere by night, has never yet driven in daylight.

100 Gallons Of Tea

Teamaker of the trio is John Rex, fifteen. He can turn out 100 gallons a night, and A.F.S. men say he makes the best tea in Bristol. Third member of the party is Tom Summers, "sandwich king," who is also understudying Ivor at the wheel. John, who works in the advertisement department of a newspaper office, told a reporter that his recipe for good tea was just to add that "other little spoonful the others haven't got" to the pot.

Introduced To King

Ivor, a Post Office messenger has been driving only for a month.

He is an A.R.P. messenger as well, and was introduced to the King during his Majesty's tour of Bristol.

When a reporter asked him why the King shook him by the hand, he mumbled something about having had the luck to get some people out of bombed houses.

The lads are ready for any sort of blitz, and are willing to guarantee that not one civil defence worker in Bristol will go unfed during the night if they have anything to do with it.

Our Little Garden Suburb: Ukulele Lady, Who lied the can on the old dog's tail. Norah Blaney and Gwen Farrar (Vocal Duets) with Piano. Musical Comedy Memories—Intro: Who, Lady be Good; Desert Song; Look for the Silver Lining; Rose Marie—London Palladium Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—Compositions of Schumann. Papillons, Op. 2... Alfred Cortot (Piano); The Lotus Flower... Benjamin Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Carnival-Ballet Music... London Ballet Orchestra; The Two Grenadiers... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra; Trauerzeit, Massed Orchestra of Cellos.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad".

10.15 p.m.—Gounod's "Faust" Acts IV & V. Characters and Solists in order of appearance: Marguerite... Miriam Licette (Soprano); Mephistopheles... Robert Easton (Bass); Siebel... Doris Vane (Soprano); Valentine... Harold Williams (Baritone); Faust... Heddie Nash (Tenor); with The B.B.C. Choir and Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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VARIED PROGRAMME OF ARMY SPORTING EVENTS

Hockey, Rugby And Boxing Finals This Week

Army To Meet Police In Charity Soccer Game

By "Squaddy"

THE FINAL of the Inter-Unit team boxing competition will take place at Murray Barracks to-morrow night between Royal Scots and Middlesex.

Royal Artillery, who were previously drawn against Royal Scots, have withdrawn from the competition owing to the lack of numbers as a full team is 15 men. The General Officer Commanding, Major-General A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., is attending the boxing and will most probably present the prizes at the conclusion of the competition.

The weighing in for this event will take place at Murray Barracks to-morrow morning and the teams will then be made known.

HOCKEY

THE Army Six-A-Side hockey tournament will commence to-morrow at Sookunpoo with the preliminary and First Rounds; the second rounds will be played on Thursday at Sookunpoo.

The following is the draw for to-morrow's games:

2 p.m. Royal Signals v. 2/14 Punjab Regt. 'A'. 2.20 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. 'A' v. R.A.O.C. 2.40 p.m. H.K.S.R.A. 'B' v. 2/14 Punjab Regt. 'B'. 3 p.m. H.K.S.R.A. v. Middlesex Regt. 'A'. 3.20 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. 'A' v. R.A.S.C. 4 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. 'A' v. C. M. Hospital. 3.40 p.m. R.E. 'B' v. R.E. 'C'. 4.20 p.m. R.A.F. v. R.A.M.C. 4.40 p.m. Middlesex Regt. 'B' v. R.E. 'A'.

5th A.A. Regt. 'A' and Middlesex both have strong teams and I think that one of these should pull off this competition.

FOOTBALL

THE football season is nearly finished and Middlesex and Royal Scots have one more match each to play in the Senior Division.

Royal Engineers have won the Second Division with the R.A.S.C. runners up, and in the Third Division Royal Air Force and Royal Signals have to play off for the title before the Champions v. the Rest game at Caroline Hill. This game should be worth watching with both sides keen to secure the honours.

The Army team were unlucky last Saturday not to win the Kottewall Cup.

The game, between South China and the Army, had to result in a

win for the Army for them to secure the trophy. They were leading until the last minute of the match when the Chinese drew level.

They were in no way disgraced by the result and played up to expectations. The Army may have one more game before the close of the season, and that against Hong Kong Police in aid of Charity. The date will be notified later.

It is notified for information that the prices for admission to football grounds, controlled by the Football Association, will, for Service personnel only be 60 cents, to all covered stands and 40 cents to uncovered stands. This does not apply to the Army ground at Sookunpoo where the prices will remain the same.

ROYAL Army Service Corps, who are favoured to win the Junior Shield on Saturday against South China, have been in strict training and have been working out some new moves for the match which they will not disclose to anyone.

ATHLETICS

TO-MORROW, Middlesex Regiment will meet Hong Kong University at Shamshuipo in a field and track athletic meeting.

This is to enable them to select their team for the Command Athletic Meeting which takes place on April 22, 23 and 24.

Middlesex Regt. have also been asked to produce a team to compete against the Chinese at Caroline Hill on Sunday, May 4.

WAR CUP SEMI-FINALS

The draw for the semi-finals of the War Cup to be played on Saturday is—Preston v. Sheffield United or Newcastle.

Tottenham Hotspurs or Arsenal v. Leicester.

The matches will be played on the ground of the first named club unless a mutual arrangement is made.

The final will be played on May 10.—Reuter.

COMMAND SPORTING EVENTS FOR WEEK

TO-DAY
RUGBY—Army Seven-a-Side Tournament (First Round): (Sookunpoo, at 3.00 p.m.).

TO-MORROW
BOXING—Inter-Unit Team Boxing competition (Final): Middlesex v. Royal Scots (Murray Barracks, at 8.30 p.m.).

HOCKEY—Six-a-Side Hockey Tournament (Preliminary and First Round): 2.00 p.m. Royal Signals v. 2/14th Punjab Regt. 'A'. 2.20 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. 'A' v. R.A.O.C. 2.40 p.m. H.K.S.R.A. 'B' v. 2/14th Punjab Regt. 'B'. 3.00 p.m. H.K.S.R.A. 'A' v. Middlesex 'A'. 3.20 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. 'A' v. R.A.S.C. 3.40 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. 'A' v. Combined Military Hos. 4.00 p.m. R.E. 'B' v. R.E. 'C'. 4.20 p.m. R.A.F. v. R.A.M.C. 4.40 p.m. Middlesex Regt. 'B' v. R.E. 'A'.

SATURDAY
RUGBY—Seven-a-Side (Finals): (Sookunpoo, at 3.00 p.m.).
FOOTBALL—Senior and Junior Shield Finals: Senior Shield—South China v. Royal Navy (Causeway Bay, at 4.30 p.m.); Junior Shield—South China v. R.A.S.C. (Causeway Bay, at 3.00 p.m.).

MR. PETER WEI UNSEATED

A rather unusual accident occurred this morning at the Valley in which Mr. Peter Wei was involved.

He took out Mr. Cre's Stewards' Cup winner, Starlight, which has been entered for the first section of the Callopo Handicap to be run on Saturday, for its morning exercise.

On reaching the seven furlongs post, the pony was seen to stumble as a result of which Mr. Wei was unseated. He fell clear of the pony, however, and was not injured. He got got up, remounted, and completed the exercise, evidently none the worse for his experience.

EXHIBITION SOCCER

The following have been selected to represent the Rest against South China, Champions of the First Division of the Football League, at Caroline Hill on Monday next at 4 p.m.

Bankier (Royal Scots); Roughley (Navy); Blackburn (Police); Freshwater (Middlesex); Hsu King-shing (Eastern); Thomas (Middlesex); Fowler Club; Fung King-cheon (Sing Tao); Hendy (Navy); Barber (Navy); Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—Lapsley and Maxwell (Kowloon); Fraser (Royal Scots); Bright (Middlesex); Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); Lee Page (Navy); Howlett and Ferrier (Police) and Rietsen (Club).

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:—AT KOWLOON C.C.

Junior Singles
N. Smith v. T. S. Young (7.45 p.m.).

Junior Doubles
C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (8.15 p.m.).

Senior Doubles
M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low (8.45 p.m.); H. C. Eardley and N. Smith v. P. Wong and C. Au (9.30 p.m.).

A JUDGE OF HORSEFLESH

I have given Mr. Charles S. Howard \$5.35 and asked him to please buy me a horse, writes Henry McLeMORE from Los Angeles. If he agrees to do it, my future is guaranteed. A horse that Howard buys, particularly a bargain one, is a better way to wealth than a rich aunt "with a heart flutter or a doting uncle with a counterfeit machine."

Basing my figures on what his own bargain basement steeds have brought in the way of prize money, Mr. Howard's \$5.35 purchase should enable me to buy that little vine-covered trailer I've always wanted, and to make a bid for the world's free-style a-settin' and a-rockin' championship.

For \$5.35, Mr. Howard is almost a certainty to get me a nag that will win a stake or two. Look at what his bought-for-a song creatures have done. Seabiscuit, who was bought for \$7,500 or thereabouts, made so much all he needed was a paying teller and an iron grill to become a First National Bank Kayak II, a marked-down job, could easily start a loan society of his stall with thousand dollar bills and he's only three years old.

Money Making Horse

Porter's Cap was picked up at the Saratoga sales by Mr. Howard for \$1,300. Porter's Cap is making money faster than a show-off engraver at the mint, his latest haul being the \$50,000 Santa Anita derby. He's a greedy little cuss, too. He wants it all, and already is entered in a batch of later rich stakes, including the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap, the Kentucky Derby, and the Belmont. By his victory in the Derby Porter's Cap became the first eligible for the Pimlico Special at Baltimore.

Stagehand is the only horse ever to win Santa Anita's two most prized stakes—the Derby and the Handicap—but he may be joined by Porter's Cap before long. He won the Derby like a good one. He had speed enough to stay up with the early leaders after the break and when he made his run he ran over horses getting to the front. And he finished the mile and an eighth full of run and sound as two dollars. He can go on any kind of track, too. He likes a fast one and loves a slow one.

Can't Be Just Luck

Eventually, racing folk are going to quit referring to "Howard luck." It cannot be luck for the simple reason there isn't that much in the world. But what is it? What is the secret power that enables the pleasant automobile tycoon to look at a horse and know that he has the makings of a champion? There must be thousands of persons who actually know more about conformation and blood lines than Howard does, but they go on dealing with platers while he saddles the winners.

The Time Is Coming

There's a time coming, though, when he is going to need luck. He is going to need it to dodge the rocks his rival owners are going to throw at him when they finally can't stand the sight of him standing in the winner's circle with a silver cup or plate in his hand. Either this is going to happen, or some track is going to make itself popular with the other owners by running a rich race for all horses except Howard-owned ones.

I wonder what kind of a horse Mr. Howard'll get me for \$5.35? I'm hankering for a chestnut colt with blue eyes and a blazed face, but I'll settle for anything he

CHAMPIONS EXTENDED

H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn, holders of the Open Doubles Tennis Title, received their first real opposition this season when they were extended by A. V. Remedios and G. Choa in the current Open Doubles Tennis Competition yesterday on the stand court of H.K.C.C. and won by 6-3, 5-7 and 6-2.

In the first set Choa and Remedios were unsteady but improved greatly in the second set Choa played a good game and featured his play with hard drives and good placing. Remedios made several errors. His volleying was at times brilliant but his overhead work was weak.

In the first set the champions won easily but in the second set the losers improved considerably and were leading at one stage by 4 games to 1. The Rumjahns won the next four games in a row to lead by 5-4.

Choa and Remedios won the next game on the latter's service. They won the next two games though deuce was called several times in both games.

In the last set Rumjahns won the first two games but Choa and Remedios were only being led by 3-2 at one time.

The Rumjahns, however, reeled off the next three games in succession.

TENNIS RESULTS

OPEN DOUBLES

H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn beat Choa and A. V. Remedios 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

T. J. Gould beat T. C. Monaghan 6-1, 0-6, 6-1.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell beat F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursday 7-5, 6-4.

CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

M. Pagh beat H. J. Armstrong 6-2, 7-5.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN DOUBLES

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

C. H. R. Oxlade (—15.2) v. R. E. Guest (—15.1) (7).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6) v. E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (—2/6) (3).

C.S.C.C. CRICKET XI

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. in a Junior Cricket League match against Police on Saturday.

J. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, V. C. Bond, P. D. Crawley, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

GOLF RESULTS

Results of the Captain's Cup of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club held during the week-end, were: Old Course, J. Linaker, 88—15=73 (21 entries); New Course, R. M. Wood, 87—16=71 (19 entries).

BOWLS MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., to-day at 5.30 p.m.

chooses to spend my money for. He could buy me a goat, and the chances are it would be a stake winner before the year is out.—United Press.

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Many of the best layouts near London are scarred and pitted by bombs. You have to play out of bomb craters, too—no lifting.

Of eight major British sports, only soccer and racing cling to any semblance of their pre-war glory, and a comparison of current gate receipts with those for the Winter of 1938-39 for soccer and racing shows that total attendance is off between 65 and 70 per cent.

Participation in sports has fallen off nearly as much despite the widespread athletic programmes of the fighting services. Golf, tennis, Rugby, cricket, track, rowing—all big amateur participant sports of the pre-war days are at their lowest levels since 1917-18.

Bombers Are Blamed

Sport bigwigs name bombers, and national service as the main reasons.

"A man doesn't have time or the inclination to play eighteen holes of golf or run cross-country any more," said Geoffrey Sharpe, president of the Blackheath Harriers, London sports club. "Not after he's worked eight hours at his office and then done six or eight hours as a fire fighter or an air raid warden."

The comparative expense of golf clubs, tennis racquets, and other things also limits the number of participants. Jack Hobbs, once Britain's premier cricketer, declares he has not sold any large orders of cricket equipment for months.

Expense also is a factor in the decline in spectator sports, which likewise suffer from demands for national service. With prices rising well ahead of wages the average man can't fork out \$2 for a prizefight seat or 75 cents for the

entrance fee to a race course without feeling it.

Here's a quick outline of what is happening to the major sports.

Racing

Racing dwindled last Summer but reopened again late in September. Despite charges that it diverts money from the war effort and places a strain on transport, it has been going on since. There is never more than one meeting, however, and since the Blitz began, the tracks near London have been quiet.

Steeplechasing is in high favour at present, but the bookies report betting light. The Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree, however, will not be run this year—for the first time since its inception 104 years ago.

As in 1940, Britain will run a substitute Derby, the Oaks, the Two Thousand Guineas and the St. Leger. The nominations for these are surprisingly high, considering the circumstances. There are 65 for the Derby, 54 for the Oaks, 53 for the Two Thousand Guineas and 81 for the St. Leger.

Three top owners of the British turf, Miss Dorothy Paget, Fred Darling and J. V. Rank, all have entries for the Derby, but many owners have sold their horses to Irish stables or are racing in Ireland. For the first time in eleven years the Aga Khan's name is missing from the list of owners of Derby nominees.

Soccer

On Saturday, Jan. 25, for instance there were thirty-four professional soccer games in Britain.

THURSDAY'S BADMINTON POSTPONED

Hong Kong Badminton Association announced this morning that the entire programme of matches in the Ladies' Doubles event of the current Colony badminton championships, fixed for Thursday, has been postponed.

With a total attendance of 48,150. This was less than a third of the average pre-war attendance for the same number of games. Many of the top stars have joined the fighting services. There has been a long tournament between teams of Norwegian, Dutch, Belgian, French, Czech and British soldiers.

Boxing

The fight game is coming back slowly through the medium of matinee shows and unoccupied theatres. These have been drawing well with such ancient as Kid Berg and Larry Gaines in the leading ranks. Tommy Farr periodically challenges every heavyweight in the world, but asks more than harried promoters can offer.

Len Harvey and Eric Boon, Britain's top big and little fighters, have not yet been lured into indoor rings, but they're weakening.

Rugby

This sport, greatly encouraged in the army, is flourishing there and in the public schools. Oddly, it also is a favourite sport of the Royal Navy, whose destroyer crews dash from deck to field for an afternoon of sport. As in the army, officers play with the men and admit "we get tossed around a good bit."

Golf

There was no amateur or open last Summer and there is no prospect for either this year. Small tournaments sponsored by local aeroplane funds and charities bring out most of the stars. Henry Cotton performs periodically for the Red Cross.

Tennis

Wimbledon's inner court has been scarred by bombs and there has been almost no big-time tennis in the other important clubs. Bunny Austin was in the R.A.F. when last heard of. Most of the women stars are in various types of war work.

As in golf, there is little prospect for much tennis activity until the war is over. Even country house tennis, the foundation of the game in Britain, is dying because of the expense and lack of time.

Track

Sidney Wooderson, the swift solicitor, still gallops across country periodically, but there has been no big track meet in Britain since August, 1939. Wooderson now is in an army training centre.

Rowing

Outside of school and college races at Oxford and Cambridge, there is little rowing. There is slight prospect for renewal of the Oxford-Cambridge race this year even on an "informal" basis, according to the Oxford University Rowing Club, unless "things take a turn for the better."

FASTEST HUMAN TRAINED IN LETTUCE SHED

THE LEADING contenders in the dashes at the famous Millrose Games have been sorely handicapped by the weather, but no one expects slow times, for the top men are Harold Davis and Norwood Henry Ewell, writes a correspondent from New York.

Continuous rain forced Davis, the slight Salinas, Calif., Junior College sophomore, to train in a huge lettuce storage shed.

Pennsylvania State has no indoor track, so Barney Ewell, its remarkable Negro flyer, had to do the best he could on outdoor boards under unfavourable climatic conditions.

Davis, just turned 20, makes his eastern bow in his first important even indoors.

The boy spurred to renown in little more time than it takes him to travel 100 yards. He bagged the A.A.U. dashes at Fresno last summer, and is out to repeat victories over Ewell.

Feature Event

Davis' performances in the 60 and 300-yard runs will be watched as closely as the Wanamaker Mile, the feature event.

The latter brings out Walter Mehl, Missouri's John Munske, Leslie MacMitchell and Chuck Fenske, who gave the Boston Garden its fastest mile in history.

Greg Rice of Notre Dame and Con Lash, the Indiana cop, will have it out in the two-mile. Fred Wolcott of Rice and Ed Dugger of Tufts hook up in the hurdles.

But the young sprinters will attract plenty of attention.

Ewell tackles the only two men who beat him—Davis outdoors and Herbert Thompson on boards.

If both reach the final three-man heat by way of talent-packed qualifying races, Ewell should edge Davis in the 60-yard dash.

Davis is a slow starter, although he has shown steady improvement, and Ewell gets away like a thunderbolt.

Ewell cracked a world record of 25 years a year ago, when he covered the little-run 50 yards in five seconds flat.

In the 100 and 200 metres at

the A.A.U. meet last summer Ewell held a substantial lead at the half-way mark only to lose out under the pressure of Davis' terrific finish.

The 10.3 and 20.4 were faster than the times with which Jesse Owens won the Berlin Olympics.

Ewell is a seasoned indoor campaigner, but Davis' sheer speed once he gets under way makes him the favourite in the 300-yard event, despite his lack of experience on boards.

The longer sprint has a real dark horse in Paul Cowie of LaSalle Military Institute.

Davis Gets Swifter

Davis was faster in every successive meet in 1940.

If he continues to improve, there is a chance he may approach his goal of bettering every one of Owens' sprint records.

Little more than a year ago, when he enrolled at Salinas Junior College to make up language credits needed for college entrance, he did almost everything wrong, although he had turned in some amazing times as a schoolboy.

His start and pick-up were particularly bad, and he flailed his arms, ran with his head down.

But Davis, who lives for running—he runs in his sleep—quickly smoothed out most of his faults.

His most pronounced remaining trouble is a slow start, but Charley Paddock didn't get off his marks in any great rush, and he did all right.

Coach Lloyd Winter credits Davis with doing the 100 in 9 seconds flat from a running start.

Davis has an unusually long stride—9 feet, 3 inches.

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Reports of the bombing of towns in Bulgaria and Rumania by Yugoslav planes, emanate from Axis or Axis controlled countries, it is pointed out in London.

In the absence of any confirmation from British press or Yugoslav sources, the reports should be received with the utmost reserve.—Reuter.

"Attempt To Reach Budapest"

YUGOSLAV AIR RAIDS ON A NUMBER OF TOWNS IN BULGARIA, HUNGARY AND RUMANIA WERE REPORTED FROM AXIS SOURCES LAST NIGHT.

Hungary claims to have shot down 10 Yugoslav planes in a series of raids which included Szegedin and what the Germans described as "an attempt to reach Budapest."

A Bulgarian air force communiqué announces raids on the "open towns of Sofiar and Kustendil."

According to Bucharest despatches received in Rome, Yugoslav planes also raided at least three towns in western Rumania—Dorsova, Arad and Timisoara.

The Governments of Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania have, according to reports from Axis sources, protested to Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

Rumania Protests To Yugoslavia

It was confirmed in Bucharest yesterday that Rumania has protested to Yugoslavia against alleged attacks by Yugoslav aircraft on three Rumanian towns.

An official Rumanian communiqué announcing this step says: "Although the Rumanian Government has not committed Rumania in any way in hostilities with Yugoslavia, on whose territory Rumania has Rumanian nationals to defend, the Yugoslav air force bombed Rumanian territory on April 6 at Dorsova, Arad and Timisoara, killing three people and injuring three others and causing some damage."

"The Rumanian Government has addressed a formal protest to the Yugoslav Government."

"General Antonescu assures the population that all measures for maintaining security and order have been taken."

"Such grave and disloyal actions can in no way upset the conduct of the Rumanian Government. That, however, does not mean that anyone has liberty to harm the honour and rights of Rumania."—Reuter.

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INDIA'S TRADE PACT WITH BURMA

It was learned in New Delhi yesterday that the only immediate action India proposes to take under the new Indo-Burma trade agreement is to remove the 11½ pias preference which kerosene from Burma enjoys in India over foreign kerosene.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

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A B.B.C. BROADCAST WAS PICKED UP IN NEW YORK LAST NIGHT STATING THAT GREECE HAS SEVERED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY AND BULGARIA.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

ITALIAN LOSSES

Well over 250,000 Italians have been taken prisoner, killed or wounded in Africa and Albania, according to an estimate issued in London yesterday.

The total is 283,000, including 140,000 prisoners in Libya, 20,000 in Eritrea and Abyssinia and 30,000 in Italian Somaliland.

Total for Albania is 92,000 and includes 20,000 prisoners, 20,000 killed and 52,000 wounded.

British casualties in all African fighting up to Feb. 23 are estimated at 604 killed and 2,362 other losses.—Reuter.

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British and Yugoslav bombers clashed with Hungarian fighters over Szeged-peccs, says a claim by the Hungarian news agency, which alleges ten enemy aircraft were shot down.

There were two alarms in Budapest, one during the funeral of Count Teleki. The capital remains calm and disciplined. — International News Service.

Heavy German Losses In Thrace: Serbs Hold Firm

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BOTH THE YUGOSLAV AND THE GREEK TROOPS HAVE REPULSED THE INITIAL GERMAN ATTACKS, WITH CONSIDERABLE LOSSES IN MEN AND MATERIAL TO THE NAZI FORCES.

Two main German drives on Greek soil have been repelled and the Greeks are resisting firmly along the entire front.

END OF LONG SIEGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The British capture of Debra Marcos, 100 miles north of Addis Ababa, after a siege lasting several weeks, was aided by large bodies of patriots. It was one of the last points of Italian resistance.

There were over 1,000 Italian casualties, it was announced in Cairo yesterday.

It is revealed that British troops are spreading north, south and west in pursuit of the fleeing Fascists.

Operations at Massawa are "developing" and Free French and the Imperial Forces, with the Royal Navy out at sea, are closing in on the port. — International News Service.

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On the Yugoslav front, at least nine German tanks and many German prisoners were captured and the defences are holding throughout the sector.

The German forces, who are attacking persistently on a front almost 1,000 miles long from north-west Yugoslavia to the Struma River, were still virtually stalled at night fall.

Nazi sources in Berlin, who claim that German troops have penetrated into South East Yugoslavia, admit that difficulty of terrain has rendered "blitz" tactics impossible, but state the slow movement is "according to plan."

The German moves are apparently designed to drive the Greeks out of the Struma Valley and secure control of Salonika in order to immobilise Turkey and force her to remain neutral.

Thrace Thrust

The Germans, however, suffered heavy losses in Thrace where they were unable to gain headway, although led by tanks, armoured cars and motor-cycles, of which at least 10 tanks were demolished.

A British communique states that a small formation of Hurricanes downed five Messerschmitts in the Rupel Pass and seriously

Germans Crossing Brenner

WITH ALLIED TROOPS THREATENING TO ATTACK THE ITALIANS IN ALBANIA FROM THE REAR, IT IS REPORTED THAT MORE GERMAN TROOPS ARE CROSSING THE BRENNER PASS INTO ITALY.

MUSSOLINI IS REPORTED TO HAVE APPEALED TO HITLER JUST BEFORE THE GERMAN ATTACK ON YUGOSLAVIA TO TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT AN ITALIAN COLLAPSE IN ALBANIA. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

YUGOSLAVS ATTACKING IN ALBANIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Yugoslav broadcast was picked up in Vichy yesterday stating that heavy Yugoslav artillery was carrying out a terrific barrage on the Albanian frontier in preparation for an attack. — International News Service.

FIUME REPORTED TAKEN

The Yugoslavs have occupied Fiume, in North-East Italy, Sara, the Italian port on the Dalmatian coast, and Scutari in Albania, according to reports from Ankara picked up by the Columbia Broadcasting Company in New York. — Reuter.

KEYNES PLAN ADOPTED

The famous economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, champion of compulsory saving, left his office in the Treasury last night with the knowledge that four million British taxpayers will participate in a form of his long advocated and hotly-opposed scheme of compulsory saving.

Last July Mr. Keynes was appointed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with other economists and commercial and industrial chiefs, to the Treasury consultative committee which has been described as the "Exchequer Brains Trust."

Doubtless the proposal was devised there.

Mr. Keynes had no comment to make on the Budget. — Reuter.

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INCOME TAX AT TEN SHILLINGS IN THE POUND: BRITAIN'S NEW BUDGET

Keynes Plan For Compulsory Saving Adapted

THE BRITISH TAXPAYER IS CALLED UPON TO PAY AN EXTRA £205,000,000 UNDER PROPOSALS MADE BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, PRESENTING THE BUDGET TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The income tax rate is increased to ten shillings in the pound, with a reduction in the abatements on the lower incomes.

Income Tax and surtax together total 19/6 in the £1 on the largest incomes.

Most striking feature of the Budget, however, is the appearance of compulsory savings in special form. The proposal is that the extra tax of any individual paid by reason of the reduction in the personal allowance and the earned income allowance will be offset by a post-war credit in the Post Office Savings Bank.

The whole income tax proposals will produce an additional £150,000,000 this year and in a full year £250,000,000 of which half will be treated as a credit.

Sir Kingsley Wood estimated that the total expenditure in the coming year will be £4,207,000,000.

"Spend as little as possible and lend as much as possible," was the keynote of the Chancellor's speech.

The House was well filled and the Chancellor was cheered when he entered the House. A number of Peers and Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, were present.

The Chancellor said he would make proposals which would not only enable us to surmount the immediate difficulty but would ensure that we continue to maintain our national finances on sound lines so that we would be able, when the time came, to pursue post-war measures of reconstruction and social advance.

The British financial front stood firm and strong. The steps taken to stimulate exports and drastically reduce non-essential imports certainly had been successful.

Our system of exchange control under the mobilization of dollar securities enabled us to meet the very heavy drain upon our resources of gold dollars and we now had assurance by reason of the great contribution America was making in the Lease and Lend Act that no difficulty in financing purchases from the United States will hamper the full development of our fighting strength. (Cheers).

Control Of Capital

Control of capital issues in the domestic market had been of great value in securing the best possible conditions for the success of Government loans.

All these measures combined enabled us to borrow at a very low rate of interest averaging below two per cent.

"We have no intention of borrowing on worse terms as the war proceeds. We shall hope to improve upon them." (Cheers).

All this meant that aggravation of our post-war financial problem by the burden of war debt, though it was bound to be grievous, would be correspondingly less and we should also avoid the evils incurred after 1918 of the starting period of post-war expansion and recovery with a rate of interest which, in the long run, was so embarrassing, and often crushing, to the borrower.

Maintenance of a low rate of interest would do much to ease the financial problem of rebuilding our life after the war.

We had taken many steps to eliminate war fortunes.

Excess Purchasing Power

Referring to the "many difficulties and problems inherent in the most expensive war in history," the Chancellor remarked that the danger we had to control was that of being flooded out by a torrent of excess purchasing power fed by the springs of war-time government expenditure.

That was the function of finance. Solution of the problem would be impossible unless it was eased by withholding a substantial part of surplus purchasing power through the instrument of taxation.

Dealing with details of last year's account the Chancellor thanked the taxpayers who responded so readily to his appeal for prompt payment of taxes, also those at home and overseas who patriotically helped with a steady flow of free gifts to the Exchequer and for aircraft production.

THE PURCHASE TAX YIELD SOME £26 MILLIONS. ITS ADMINISTRATION WORKED QUITE SMOOTHLY.

Towards the total expenditure of £3,884,000,000 we received a total revenue of £1,409,000,000, leaving a deficiency of £2,475,000,000 to be found by other means.

The nett sum of £2,462,000,000 was borrowed during the year.

Taxation Increases

Hard and severe financial measures brought benefits because they avoided for the mass of people the evil effects of unchecked inflation.

Hitherto increase in taxation had not fallen short of the necessities of the case. There had been no inflationary dangers in our system up to the present.

Referring to the future, the Chancellor said a new and important factor was introduced by the Lease and Lend Act.

He could not estimate the value of supplies to be received from the United States. He estimated the vote of credit required, excluding supplies from and payments to the United States, at £3,500,000,000. He estimated total expenditure at £4,207,000,000.

He estimated the yield from Income Tax for the current year at £605,000,000, an increase of 281

millions. Surtax £80 millions, death duties £82 millions, stamps £14 millions, and the Excess Profits Tax £210 millions.

Inland Revenue

Total estimate of inland revenue duties on the existing basis of taxation was £992 millions, customs and excise £578 millions, and Purchase Tax £70 millions.

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE IN 1940/41 ON THE EXISTING BASIS OF TAXATION WAS £1,636,000,000.

The hops tax would be renewed for a further four years, medicine and stamp duties would be repealed from September 2 and new medicine and stamp duties legislation would be introduced.

The Finance Bill would include a clause providing for purposes of Income Tax and national defence contributions a similar allowance to that provided for the purpose of the Excess Profits Tax in respect to losses incurred in providing additional buildings, plant and machinery for the war effort.

The Chancellor foreshadowed modification of the Excess Profits Tax but could not now afford any considerable changes. Part of the tax would be held by the Exchequer to be made available to industry at the end of the war.

Private Savings

He estimated private savings for the current year at £1,600,000,000 in addition to £1,636,000,000 from revenue.

Estimated domestic expenditure was £3,700,000,000, leaving a gap of £500 millions to be filled.

The Exchequer would bear the considerably increased burden to prevent an increase in the cost of living, including increase in shipping rates and insurance.

The policy of stabilising prices would be continued and extended. The scheme included coal, gas and electricity charges. Aim was to hold wages about where they are now.

Turning to the question of filling the £500 million gap, the Chancellor said he needed a still greater sum from genuine new savings. He urged people to spend as little as possible and to lend as much as possible.

Income Tax

New private savings were estimated to produce between 200 and 300 million pounds.

New taxation, he estimated, would produce £205 millions in a full year.

THE INCOME TAX RATE WOULD BE INCREASED BY 1/6d. TO 10/- IN THE POUND.

The 5/- rate on the lower scale would be increased to 6/6d.

ON THE LARGEST INCOMES, INCOME TAX AND SUPERTAX WOULD BE 19/6d. IN THE POUND.

Income Tax yield this year was £286 millions and in a full year

MATSUOKA VISITS THE KREMLIN

Mr. Matsuoka visited the Kremlin in Moscow yesterday afternoon to resume the conversations with Stalin and Molotov, says a Moscow despatch to the official German news agency.—Reuter.

R.A.F. LIBYAN ATTACKS

British aircraft made heavy attacks on Italian and German transport in the region of El Aghelia, in Cyrenaica, on the night of Saturday.

BEFORE ADDIS ABABA WAS CAPTURED, SOUTH AFRICAN BOMBERS MADE THE NEARBY AERODROME UNSERVICEABLE TO THE ENEMY.

In an attack carried out on Saturday, says an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday, five Italian Savoia machines and three Capronis were burnt out and a number of others badly damaged.

On Sunday, enemy aircraft at Komolcha, near Dessie, were machine-gunned and five fighters and three Savoia bombers destroyed and a number of others severely damaged.

In Eritrea, Free French aircraft continued to give active support to the advancing troops. The aerodrome at Calato, on the island of Rhodes, was raided on Saturday night.—Reuter.

DE GAULLE MAY GO TO BALKANS

General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French Forces, declared in an interview in Alexandria yesterday that he might go to the Balkans.

After lunching aboard the British battleship "Warspite" he said: "I have reason to hope that Free France will participate in the battle in the Balkans and it is possible I may go there."

"Frankly, I believe that the German effort in the Balkans will be considerable and formidable in every way, but I remain convinced that the Balkan countries, which have chosen to resist, will not regret it." — Reuter.

CONSTITUTION CHANGED IN SARAWAK

Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, White Rajah of Sarawak, yesterday pronounced his brother, Bertram, heir to the throne.

Sir Charles stated this in a speech to the Supreme Council of Sarawak on the occasion of the centenary of the present regime.

He also announced the formation of a Legislative Council and proclaimed the termination of the era of absolute rule of the Rajahs of Sarawak.

Measures were produced to divest the Rajah of absolute legislative powers.—Reuter.

£125 millions.

Earned income allowance deduction, now one-sixth, would be one-tenth.

Personal allowance of £170 for a married person would be reduced to £140.

Exemption limit for income tax would be £110 instead of £120.

This would increase the number of income tax payers by over two million.

The extra tax any individual paid by reason of reduction of the personal allowance and earned income allowance would be offset after the war by a credit in the Post Office Savings Bank.

The whole of the income tax proposals would produce £150 millions this year and in a full year £250 millions, half of which would be treated as a credit.

The full year would produce £1,860,000,000 from taxation.—Reuter.

NAIROBI MURDER TRIAL

The Government analyst, Mr. Fox, was the chief witness when the hearing of the charge against Sir Delves Broughton of murdering the Earl of Erroll was resumed at Nairobi yesterday.

Mr. Fox said he was satisfied that both the bullets fired at Lord Erroll and the bullets found at the farm where Sir Delves practised with a revolver were fired from the same weapon.

The hearing was adjourned till April 15.—Reuter.

MATSUOKA'S "CONVICTION"

"MY VISIT HAS SERVED TO STRENGTHEN MY BELIEF IN THE VICTORY OF THE AXIS POWERS AND THE SUCCESSFUL ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW WORLD ORDER," SAYS MR. MATSUOKA, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, IN A FAREWELL MESSAGE TO THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN PEOPLE ON LEAVING GERMAN TERRITORY YESTERDAY.

Mr. Matsuoka expresses "sincere satisfaction" at his reception and cordial thanks to the Fuehrer, Duce, the Foreign Ministers and leading men of both nations for their "friendliness, amiability and thoughtful hospitality."—Reuter.

RESTRICTIONS ON JAPANESE

In order to study measures regarding alleged restrictions placed on 200,000 Japanese residents in Latin-American countries by United States legislation, officials of the Japanese Foreign Office and various Ministries concerned held the first of a series of monthly conferences at noon yesterday in which future steps relating to Japanese emigration, commerce and precautions against the influence of third powers were discussed, according to a semi-official Japanese report.—Reuter.

Parliament Takes Budget Taxation Shocks Calmly

Was Prepared To Hear Much Worse

THE FIGURES THE CHANCELLOR QUOTED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY WERE ASTRONOMICAL BUT THE COMMONS HEARD HIM CALMLY BECAUSE THE COUNTRY IS BY NOW INURED TO HIGH LEVELS OF TAXATION AND WAS FULLY PREPARED TO HEAR MUCH WORSE FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S LIPS.

Sir Kingsley Wood said quite frankly that the object of his taxation proposals was to make a considerable cut in purchasing power during the war, to avoid the ever-present dangers of inflation.

Taxes on income, as announced by the Chancellor, ranged over the whole social sphere.

Basically Income Tax is raised by 1/6d to 10/- in the pound, with a lessening of abatements at the lower end of the scale and with a tightening of taxation at the other.

THUS, A SINGLE MAN EARNING 45/- A WEEK WHO PAID NO INCOME TAX LAST YEAR WILL PAY 2/- A WEEK IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE THE WHOLE OF THE PAYMENT WILL BE TREATED AS CREDIT TO THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

At the other end of the scale Income Tax and Surtax will absorb 19/6 in the pound, leaving to the individual exactly 6d in the pound.

Firm Resolve

"The whole world," said Sir Kingsley amid loud cheers, "will see in this still further and substantial evidence of our firm resolve to leave nothing undone to achieve victory whatever the cost."

Under the new taxation, he explained, that in order to enjoy a tax-free income of £5,000 a year, it would be necessary for an individual to have a gross income of £60,000 — "and very few to-day have an income of that sum," he added, amid ironical cheers.

Explaining the reduction in abatements on smaller incomes more fully, he intimated that the extra tax which the small wage-earner would pay would be offset after the war by a credit in the Post Office Savings Bank.

AS EXAMPLE HE CITED THE CASE OF A MARRIED MAN WITH TWO CHILDREN, WITH AN EARNED INCOME OF £350 A YEAR, WHO LAST YEAR WOULD HAVE PAID £58.4.

Under the new budget the same man will pay £247.6 but of the increase of approximately £19 there will be paid to him after the war the sum of £17.6.8.

Up And Up

As one moves up the income tax scale the proportions to be dealt with in the form of credit in the Savings Bank decline.

Thus a married man with two children and earned income of £1,000 a year, will pay over £300 in Income Tax under the new proposals — an increase of £90.

In this instance only a little more than £48 will be treated as Savings Bank credit.

Altogether Sir Kingsley estimated the yield of Income Tax for the current year at £605 millions, an increase of £81 millions.

He indicated that last year's collection of Income Tax was in itself a record. It amounted to £524 millions, which was £13 in excess of the estimate.

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Dealing with industry, the Chancellor intimated that the Excess Profits Tax would remain at 100 per cent.

This tax, he said, was directed primarily to taking the profit out of war and ensuring that in wartime, when the whole nation had to bear sacrifices, the increased production which the war required would not become a means of enrichments, as in the last war.

But, he added, it was one thing to take the profit out of war; it was another to tax businesses in such a way as to leave them worse off at the end of the war than at the beginning.

THEREFORE HE PROPOSED, AT THE END OF THE WAR, THAT 20 PER CENT. OF THE NETT 100 PER CENT. OF TAX SHOULD BE RETURNED TO INDUSTRY TO ASSIST IN RECONSTRUCTION.

The Chancellor made no proposals for increasing the taxes on tobacco, wines and spirits and similar commodities.

Lease And Lend

Cash expenditure is budgeted as £4,207,000,000, without including United States Lease and Lend supplies, which would raise Government's total expenditure "far beyond £5,000,000,000."

Excluding the increased balances of the British Dominions, India and other overseas sterling countries, domestic expenditure becomes £3,700,000,000, which will be covered by a tax revenue of £1,636,000,000 on the existing basis of taxation and £1,600,000,000 from the present basis of private savings, leaving a gap of about £500,000,000, for which Sir Kingsley proposes to fill in roughly equal halves from new taxation, to yield £150 millions this year, and £250 millions in a full year, and a from new private savings, estimated to produce between £200 and £300 millions.

This domestic expenditure of £3,700,000,000 compares with £2,055,000,000 during the first year of the war and an annual rate of £3,190,000,000 in the first half of the second year, thus indicating continued expansion of the war effort.

Exclusion of the Lease and Lend supplies follows traditional procedure, since the British Budget is always framed on a strictly cash basis.

Keynes Modified

Sir Kingsley's proposal that reductions in individual income tax allowances will be offset by post-war credit in the Post Office Savings Bank introduces a modified form of the Keynes Plan for compulsory savings.

The Budget's excess profits concessions to extractive industries producing metals and oil will be welcomed by overseas mining companies registered in the United Kingdom, on whom this tax has previously fallen as an effective levy on capital.

Price Stabilisation

In the broader economics field the Budget makes a big advance by extending the policy of price stabilisation, with the aim of holding wages at about the pre-

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ADDIS ABABA SURRENDERED BY AGREEMENT

AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE issued in Cairo yesterday stated "On the evening of April 5 our leading troops entered Addis Ababa. The Viceroy and Government had left the city."

"As a result of messages dropped by us on April 1, an envoy from the Viceroy of Italian East Africa flew to our lines on April 3, when conditions were presented to him to ensure the safety of the civil population of Addis Ababa in the event of fighting round the city."

Armoured cars led the British column into the Abyssinian capital on Saturday. They found the city in the charge of Italian police, who formally surrendered it.

The Union Jack now flies over the Palace formerly occupied by Emperor Haile Selassie, and the city seems to be very rapidly resuming normal life.

It is now revealed that General Santini, one of the leading Italian commanders, narrowly escaped for the second time being captured.

MEANWHILE THE DUKE OF AOSTA, THE ITALIAN VICEROY, MILITARY CHIEFS AND FORCES ACCOMPANYING HIM, ARE REPORTED TO BE MAKING THEIR WAY NORTHWARDS. — REUTER.

PUNJAB FIGHTER SQUADRON

With the approval of the Ministry of Aircraft Production it has been decided to form a special squadron of fighter planes to be known as the Punjab Fighter Squadron. It will be a permanent part of the R.A.F. and will consist of 20 fighter planes to begin with. It is being formed from the Punjab's contributions. — Reuter.

BRAZIL ACCEPTS INVITATION

Brazil has been asked to take care of Italy's interests in Yugoslavia, according to a Rio de Janeiro telegram to Vichy quoted by Reuter.

sent level, which will greatly contribute to avoidance of inflation.

Britain's success in avoiding inflation hitherto could not continue if wages were allowed to rise unrestrainedly.

INCOME TAX AND SURTAX RISING TO 97.5 PER CENT. ON THE HIGHEST INCOMES, TYPICALS THE BUDGET'S SPARTAN CHARACTER. — REUTER.

STRIKE AT PITTSBURGH CALLED OFF

A strike in the United States Steel Corporation mills at Pittsburgh, announced for midnight to-night, has been called off.

Both sides have agreed to continue negotiations on the men's demand for a wage increase. — Reuter.

U.S. WATCH ON FAR EAST

Leading New York newspapers yesterday gave prominence to a despatch from Chungking reporting the rout of the Japanese troops in the Kiangsi battle. Most papers play up the 20,000 casualties suffered by the Japanese.

Despite the outbreak of the German-Yugoslavia-Greek War, the Press continues to follow Far Eastern developments with close interest.

The "Washington Star" hails the Manila Conference, expressing gratification at the United States taking the lead in a common diplomatic and strategic front in the Far East defensively directed against further Japanese aggression.

Latest information reaching Washington states that at the forthcoming meeting among the Anglo-American-Dutch defence chiefs in Manila discussions are expected to centre on the question of basing naval and air patrols on Manila, Batavia and Singapore.

It is also intimated that the co-ordination of interests may exceed the present defence needs, including cooperation during reconstruction after the present war. — Central News.

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CALL TO IRAQI PEOPLE

A call to the Iraqi people to reject the Prime Minister, Rashid el Gailani, who seized power by a coup d'etat last week, has been broadcast by the Regent of Iraq, who arrived in Basra yesterday.

The Regent, Emir Abdul Ilan, was obliged to leave the capital after his residence was surrounded by Rashid's troops.

It is recalled that on Sunday Rashid declared his Government would adhere to the country's international obligations, particularly the Anglo-Iraq Treaty.

According to a message to Vichy from Damascus, Rashid has not yet succeeded in forming a Ministry.

Members of the former Government, together with other politicians, have left Baghdad for an unknown destination. Many arrests have been made throughout the country. Reuter.

DOCTOR'S TRAFFIC OFFENCE

Dr. H. C. Ku, of the Queen Mary Hospital, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for driving without due care and caution in Pokfulam Road on March 18.

Dr. Ku pleaded guilty.

According to Traffic Sgt. J. Hunter, who prosecuted, Sgt. Sullivan saw Dr. Ku coming down the road at a speed of 36 miles per hour.

He overtook a bus and another private car when near the "Yat Pit Ting Pavillion."

A fine of \$50 was imposed. Mr. R. G. Parker, of No. 184, The Peak, was cautioned for parking his car No. 2660 in Connaught Road car park for over two hours on March 27.

RELEASE OF BANK OFFICIALS

Decision to release 128 employees of the Bank of China and Bank of Communications, arrested recently as hostages against further bombing acts against Nanking officials and institutions, is announced by Wang Chingwei's Ministry of Police.

The decision is said to have been prompted by "repeated requests from responsible authorities of the two banks and other leaders in local banking circles."

The announcement hopes the authorities in the foreign areas will cooperate in the task of stamping out "violent acts" by Chungking terrorists, because we are determined to take drastic measures to deal with these terrorist activities.

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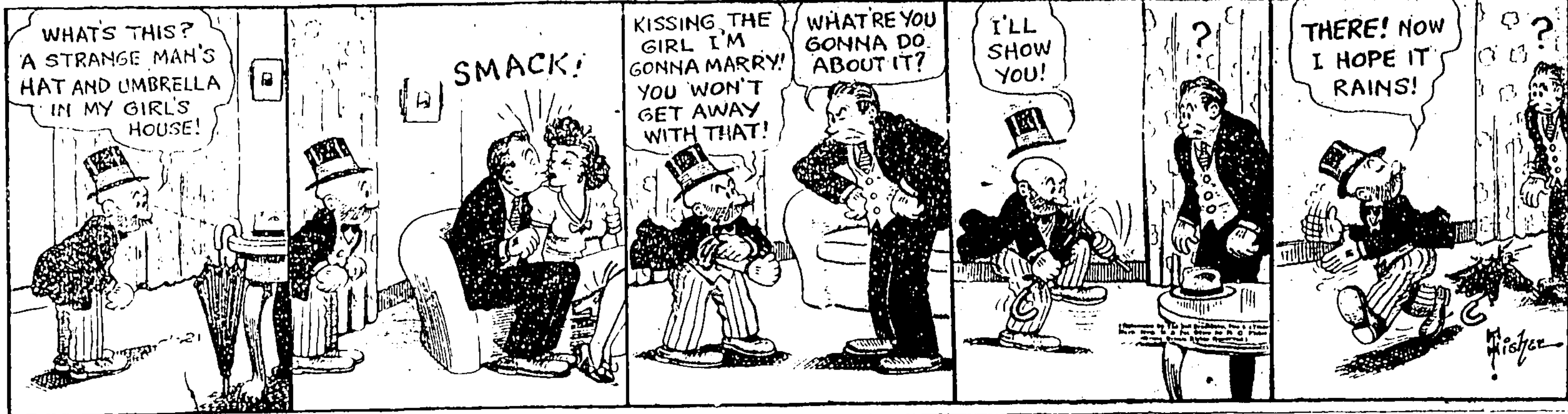
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MAN WHO WAS SHOT CAUTIONED

An incident on Stonecutters' Island on March 15, when a sampan master was shot in the leg by an Indian constable, was recalled before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon this morning.

Leung Cheuk 42, was charged with approaching within 100 yards of the Island without a permit, and with having no licence for his sampan.

Mr. D'Almada Remedios pleading guilty on behalf of accused, urged that his client should be cautioned.

Det.-Sgt. Matches stated that at 4 a.m. on March 15, accused, with two other boats, approached and anchored their boats within 100 yards of the island for the purpose of collecting mussels.

When the Indian constable approached, they sailed away.

About 20 minutes later, accused and another boat returned and anchored near shore. This time, the Indian constable managed to seize the boats and pull them ashore.

On shore accused struggled with and broke away from the Indian constable, who drew his revolver and fired one shot, wounding him in the leg.

Accused was removed to hospital, where he was detained until yesterday.

Accused was cautioned when the Magistrate was informed that the police were not pressing the case.

JAPANESE WOMAN CHARGED

A JAPANESE WOMAN, KO OHMORI, 39, OF NO. 10, LUARD ROAD, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, WITH A BREACH OF THE REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, BY FAILING TO REPORT HER ARRIVAL IN THE COLONY WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD OF 48 HOURS.

Detective Sergeant Mann, of the Special Branch, told the Court that accused arrived on March 22. He asked for a remand of one week, as further charges might be preferred.

Accused was released on bail of \$100.

PETROL-CARRYING JUNKS FINED

Charged with attempting to export 700 tins of gasoline without a permit, and with having no licence to carry petrol, Mak Choi-hop, 35, foki-in-charge of trading junk No. T5362H, was fined \$150 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

A similar fine was imposed on Chan Lo, 66, foki-in-charge of trading junk, No. T3800H, for attempting to export 1,000 tins of gasoline without a permit.

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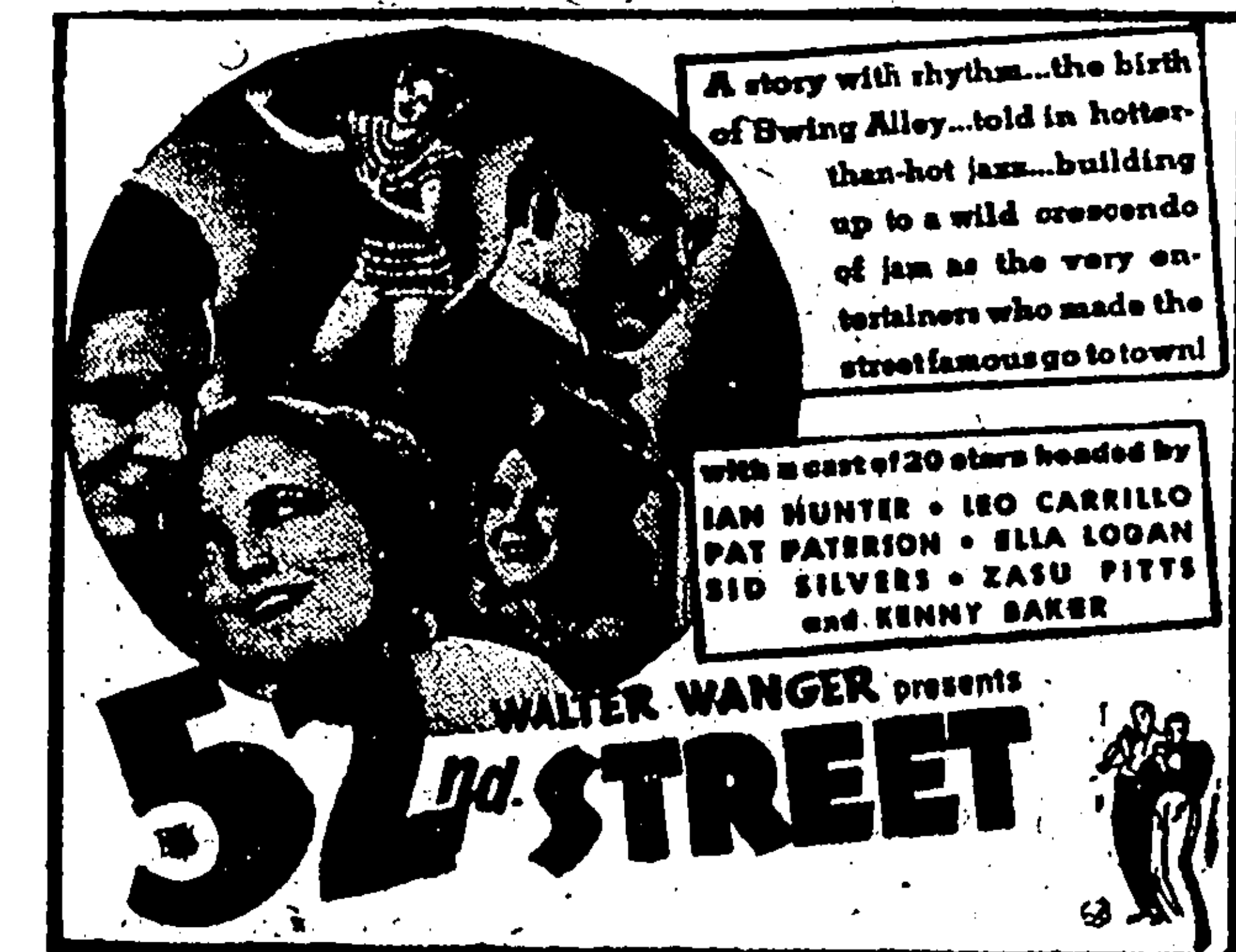
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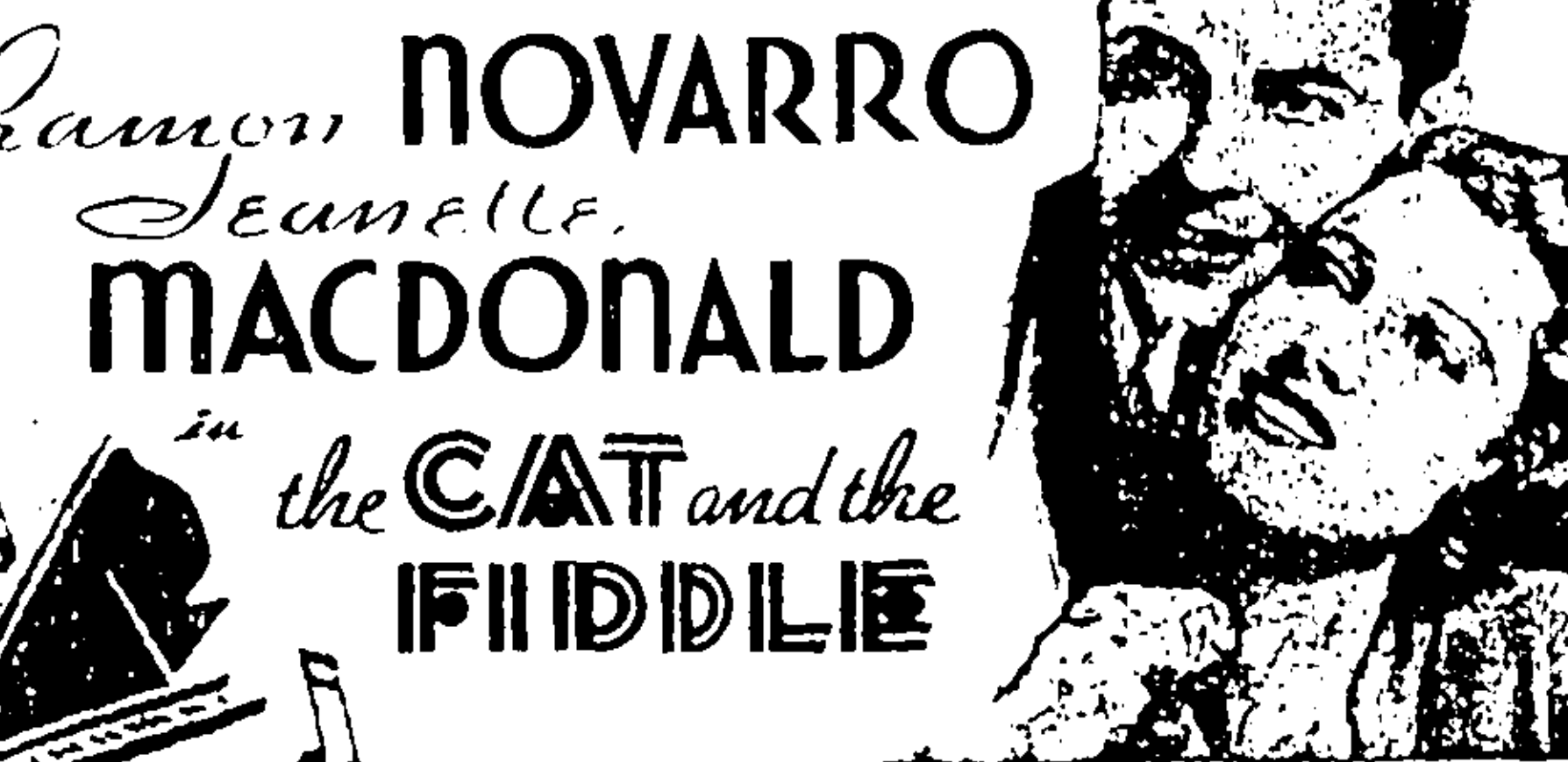
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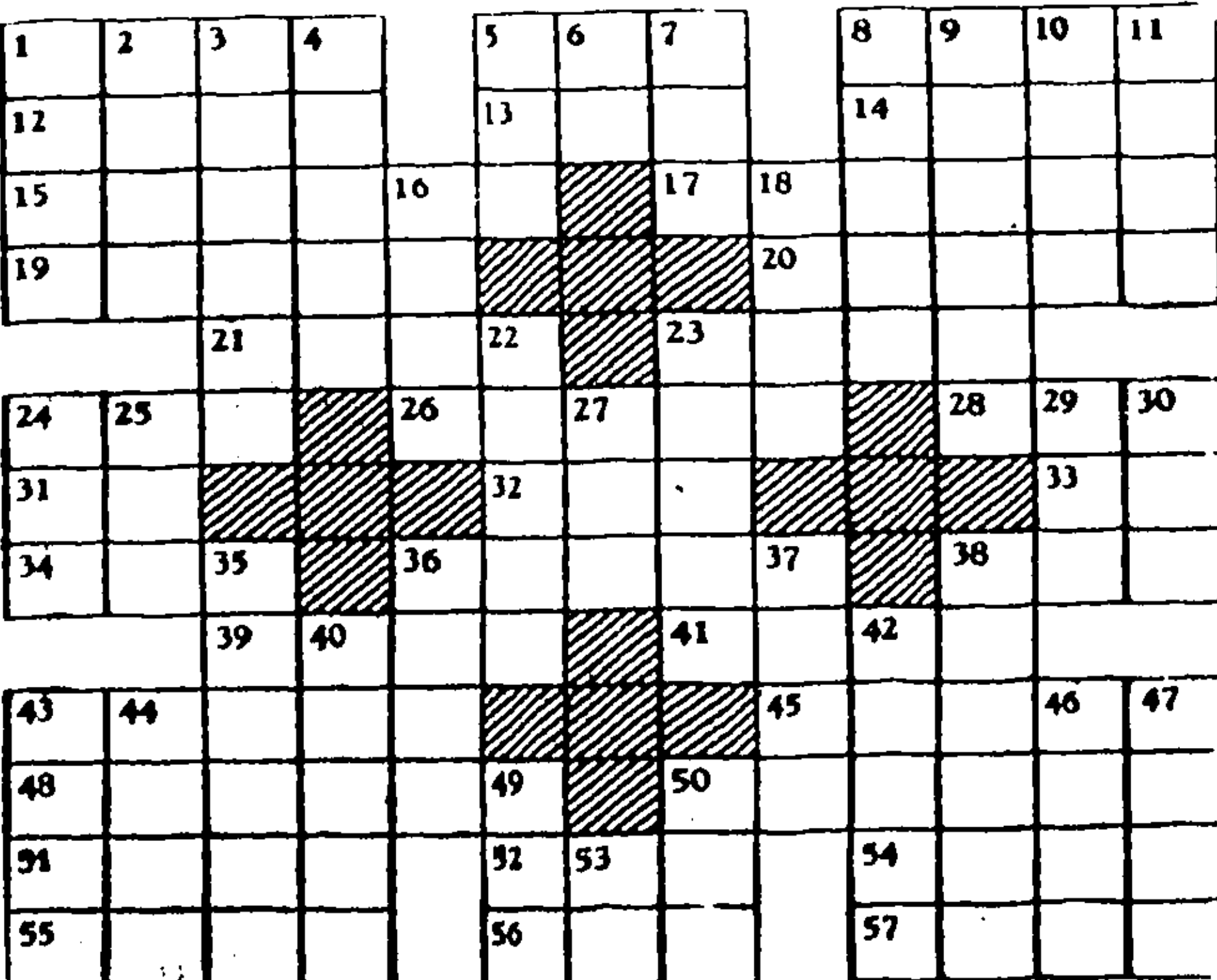
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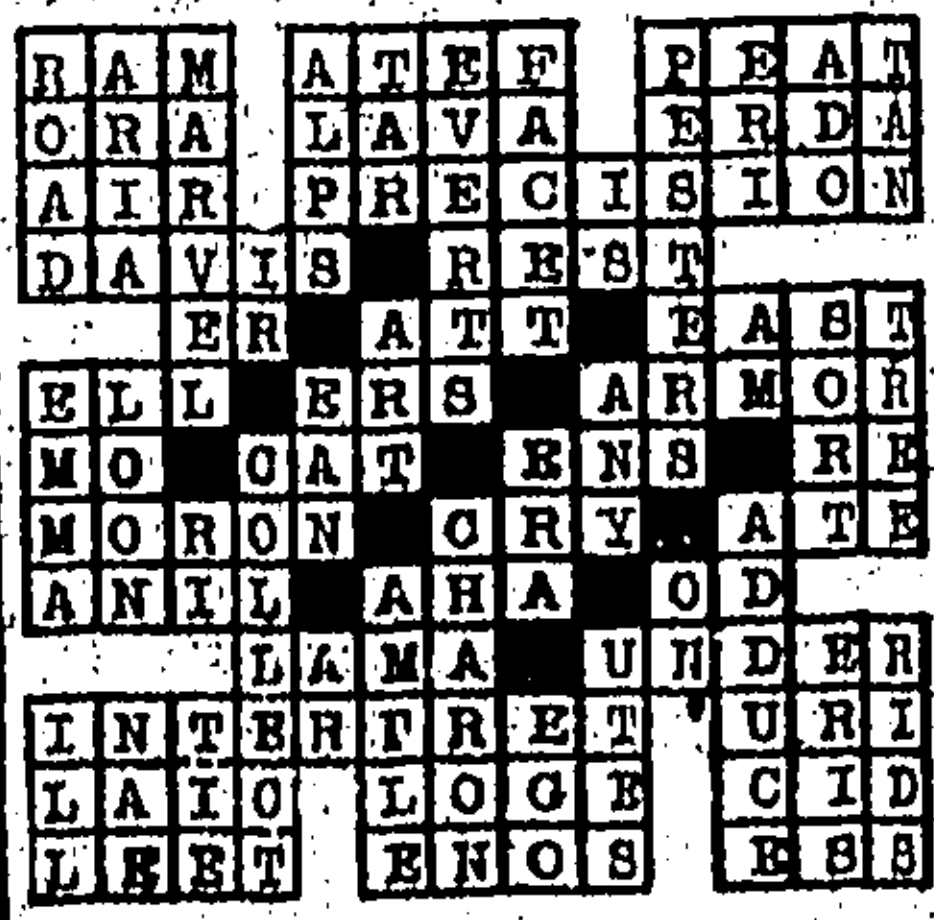
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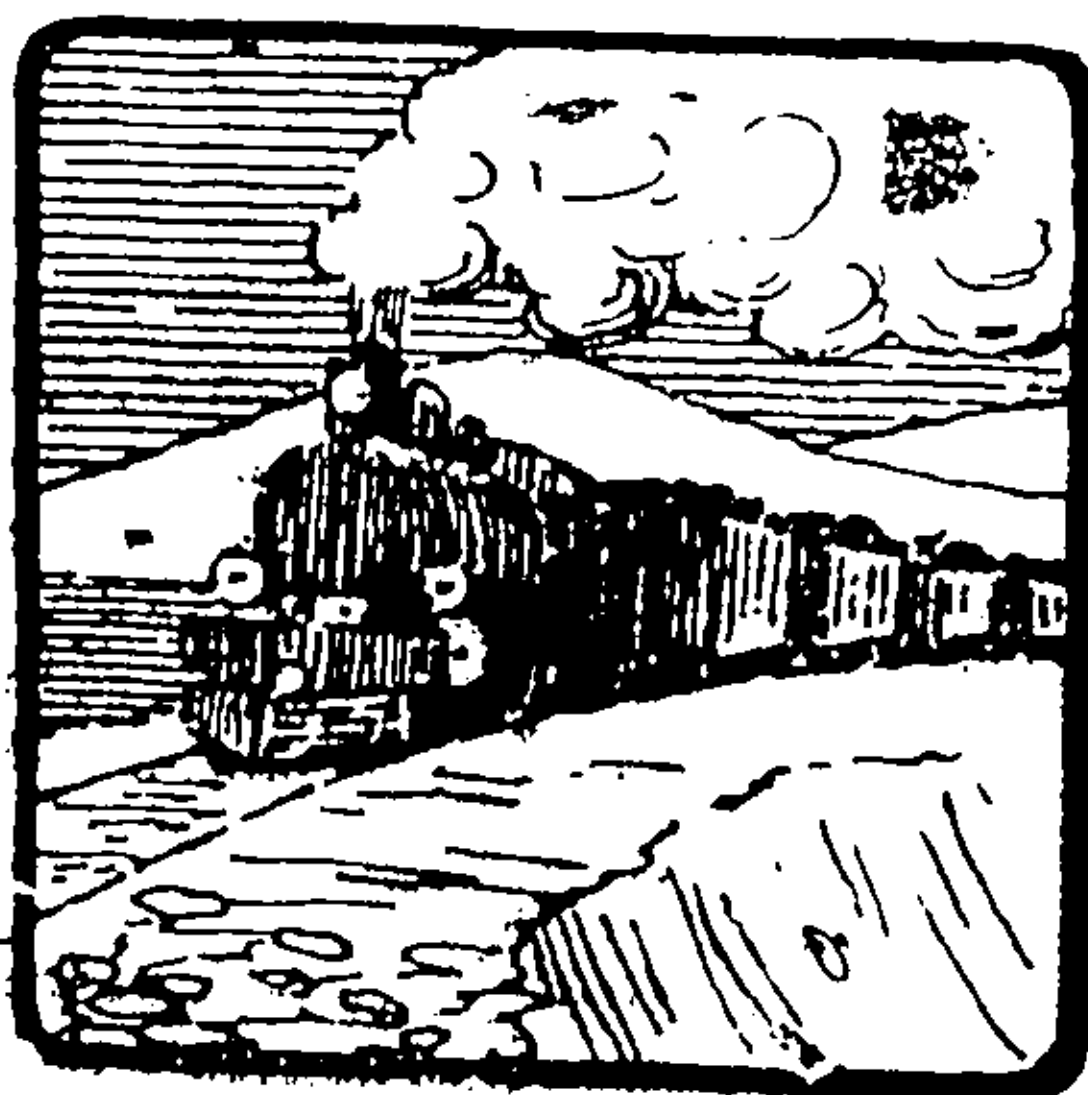
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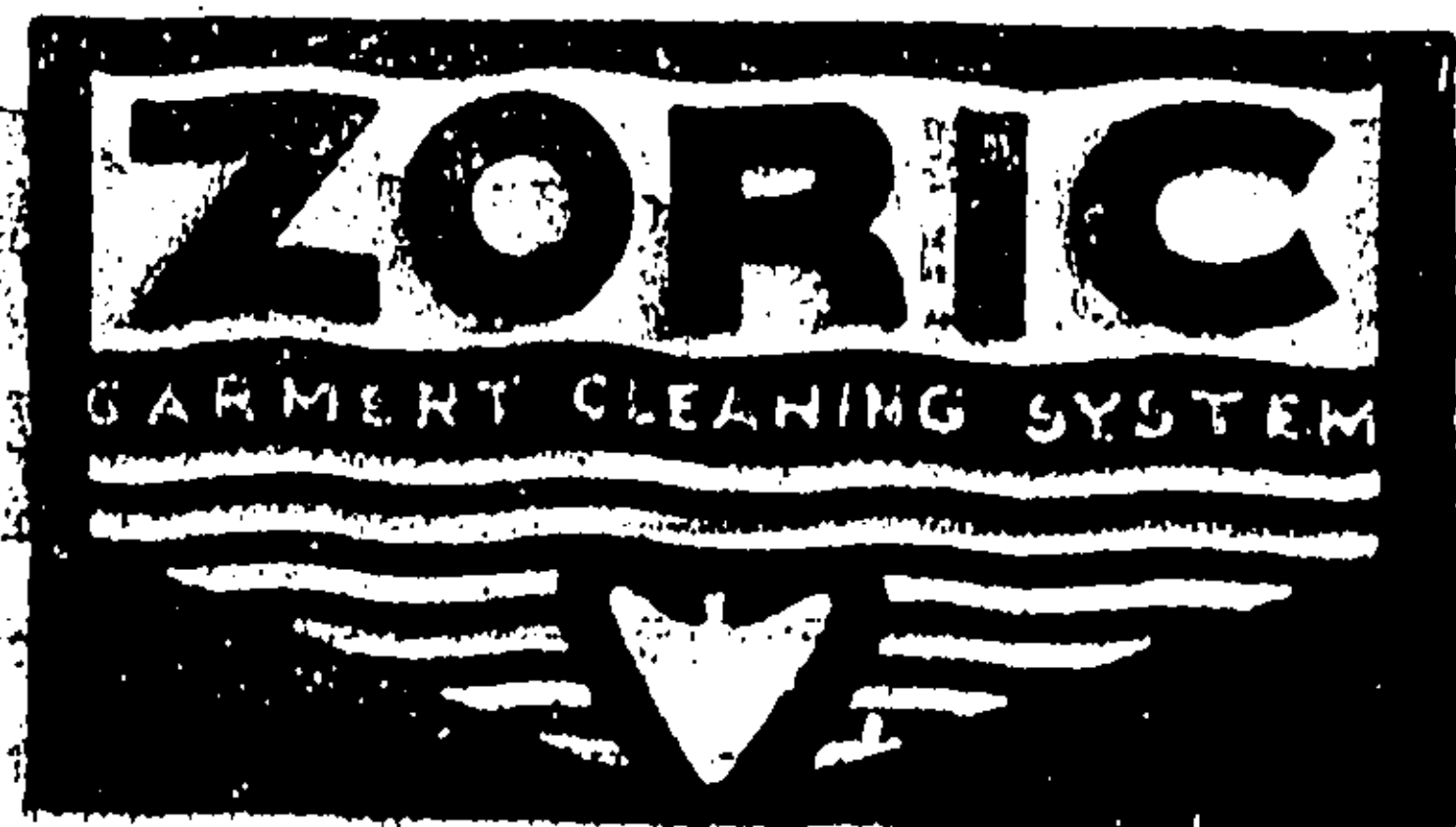
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NORWAY'S EFFORT IN COMMON CAUSE

DETAILS OF NORWAY'S WAR effort in the common fight against Nazi aggression were given by Dr. Trygve Lie, the Norwegian Minister, at a luncheon given in honour of Mr. A. D. Biddle, United States envoy to the exiled governments of Norway, Poland, Holland and Belgium, in London yesterday.

Dr. Lie said: "Immediately after the Nazi invasion a military mission was established in London to enrol Norwegians for military training.

"Besides resident Norwegians, there were several thousands of Norwegian whalers and over 25,000 Norwegian seamen in the merchant fleet. Numerous soldiers in several warships reached England and the total manpower was therefore quite appreciable.

"Volunteers continued to enrol from all parts of the world. Norwegian troops who have been trained in Scotland will participate in the war whenever required.

"A detachment from a Scottish camp participated in the Anglo-Norwegian Lofoten expedition.

"Another Norwegian detachment was established last Autumn in Iceland, where they are defending side by side with their British and Canadian allies the Atlantic outpost which might be used as a jumping off place against other democratic countries.

Norwegian Navy

"Norwegian naval forces have been considerably strengthened and Norwegian warships flying the national flag under Norwegian command have been placed under operational command of the British Admiralty.

"The Norwegian Navy so far have taken over four American destroyers. A large number of Norwegian armed whaling vessels are now engaged in patrolling and conveying." The Minister finally referred to the Norwegian merchant fleet amounting to nearly 5,000,000 tons sailing in the Allied service, earning profits sufficient to pay for the Norwegian naval and military effort, besides governmental and debt expenses.

American Policy

Mr. Biddle declared: "My mission is a token of United States' appreciation of Norway's war effort. America's policy towards the Allied nations could not have been more clearly stated than it has been by President Roosevelt."

Mr. Biddle described his visit to the so-called little Norway in Toronto, where Norwegian airmen expressed their serious determination to fight until their country's freedom has been secured.

In conversation with Reuter, Mr. Biddle said he was travelling to Scotland over Easter where he proposed to visit Norwegian and Polish forces.—Reuter.

SEVEN-YEAR BOY BADLY BEATEN

A brutal beating of a seven-year-old boy by his adopted mother, was alleged by Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., this morning, when Lau Yee-mui, 27, was charged at Kowloon with ill-treating the child.

The Inspector asked the Magistrate, Mr. H. C. Macnamara, to take a serious view of the case. The woman was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

According to the prosecution, the boy was found crying on a staircase of a house in Parkes Street early on Saturday morning. At the police station, the boy alleged he had been beaten all over the body by accused the previous day.

The boy was sent to hospital for examination, and bruises were found all over his body.

Accused, arrested, stated that she beat the lad because he stole vegetables.

CHINESE SAPPERS ON PARADE

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN CHINESE SAPPERS, UNDER LIEUTENANT C. E. OTWAY, OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS, PARADED SMARTLY ON THE MURRAY PARADE GROUND THIS MORNING FOR INSPECTION BY AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH FORCES IN THE FAR EAST.

Accompanied by Major-General A. E. Grasett, G.O.C. and members of the General Staff, the Commander-in-Chief first inspected the sappers and later took the salute at the "March Past."

Congratulating the Sappers on their drill performance and the "March Past," the Commander-in-Chief said that he was very glad to inspect the men.

It was very interesting to note, he said, that yesterday was the fifth anniversary of the first enlistment of Chinese sappers into the Army.

PETAINE AND BRITAIN

Marshal Petain, in a special appeal for national unity yesterday from Lyons radio, said: "It is a matter of honour for us to do nothing against our former ally.

"The necessary provisioning of the country imposes a sacred duty on us. Admiral Darlan has my fullest confidence.

"The Government has no other cause to defend but that of France, and there is no other manner of being faithful to France but by standing by its Government." — Reuter.

U.S. WHEAT FOR EIRE

THIRTY THOUSAND TONS OF WHEAT FROM THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN BOUGHT BY THE EIREANN GOVERNMENT, SAID THE EIRE DEFENCE MINISTER, MR. FRANK AITKEN, WHO IS NOW IN WASHINGTON, YESTERDAY.

With the Eire Minister to the United States, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Aitken yesterday visited President Roosevelt.

In a subsequent interview Mr. Aitken said Eire desired to buy American products, including wheat. The supply of arms to Eire is stated also to have been discussed.—Reuter.

NEUTRAL VIEW OF EVENTS

A SUGGESTION THAT the German offensive in the Balkans is ultimately aimed at the Suez Canal, was made by the "Stockholm Tidningen" yesterday.

The newspaper's military correspondent says that although the Germans were fully prepared for an attack on Greece they had probably not completed preparations for an attack on Yugoslavia.

They are thus likely to seek to prevent the massing of troops by Yugoslavia by violent air operations while completing their own troop concentrations.

The military correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" believes the German offensive was hastened by uncertainty about Turkey's attitude and the British landings in Greece.

The correspondent expects the Germans will first exert all efforts to prevent the British, Greek and Yugoslav forces from joining up while engaging the Yugoslavs to prevent them attacking the Italians in Albania.—Reuter.

TWO NAZI 'PLANES DESTROYED

Two German aircraft were destroyed by British fighters, one off the Suffolk coast and the other near Cape Gris Nez, yesterday, says the Air Ministry.

There was little activity over Britain and no bombs were dropped on land. — Reuter.

FORD STRIKE LIKELY TO BE SETTLED

Prospects of a settlement of the strike at Ford's gigantic River Rouge factory are now brighter.

This follows the Labour Board's order yesterday calling for elections to be held within 45 days to give employees at Ford plants at Detroit and Dearborn time to select collective bargaining agents.

A further good sign is the possibility that the first joint meeting between the company's representatives and representatives of the automobile workers' section of the Congress of Industrial Organisation (which called the present strike) was to be held last night.—Reuter.

CHINA MAIL
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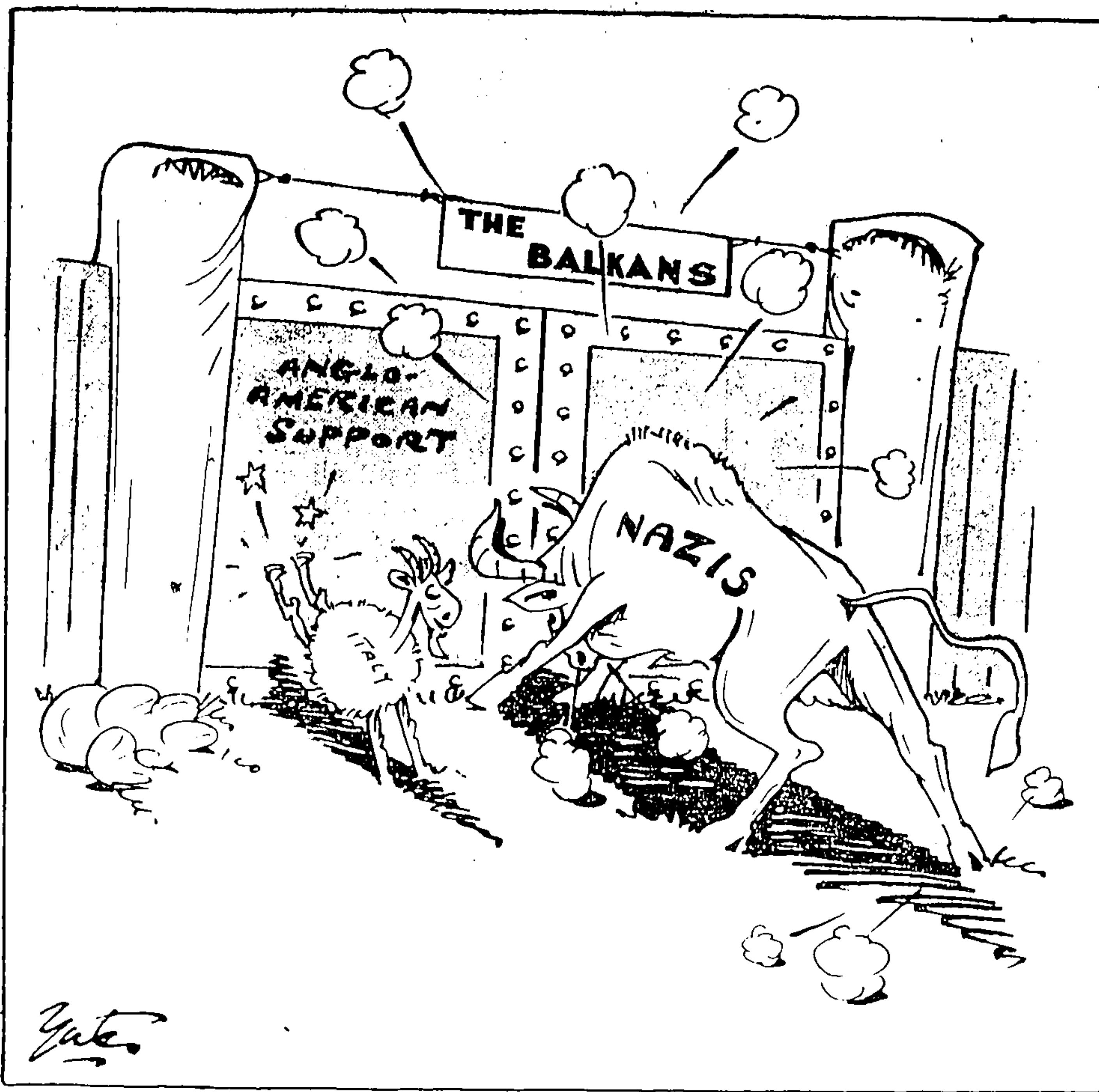
SPRING: 1941

For most people in this world Spring has tender associations. For Adolf Hitler it is otherwise. To him, when the hounds of Spring are on Winter's traces, when the Red Gods make their medicine anew, another sort of impulse comes. The sap of empire rises in him. He must break another promise, commit another treachery, destroy some nation's liberty.

It comes as no surprise, therefore, that he has invaded Greece and Yugoslavia—two small countries that have given him no offence, unless it is the unforgivable offence of refusing meek submission to dishonour and slavery. Men, women and children in both countries will die because of what Spring, the time of blossoming, the season of tenderness and hope, means to Hitler and what he has made it mean to the German nation.

But Hitler has not conquered Spring. No Fifth Column betrays the inexorable processes of Nature. There will be a season for Hitler upon which he cannot trample. It has happened before in the Balkans that when the snows melted liberty flamed and when the last gun has been fired, the event may show that even at this moment Hitler has begun something he cannot finish, that he has set in motion the ploughshare that will turn his evil system under.

On all sides in the Balkans, he is surrounded either by subjugated and hostile nations who wait only for a favourable moment to shake the neo-slavery from their shoulders and restore their independent existence, or by countries like Soviet Russia and Turkey, who if they have not yet moved in support of stricken Yugoslavia, are undisguisedly sympathetic and may yet provide Adolf Hitler with a sharp shock. Moreover, if Hitler has struck, he has this time been unable to develop deception and intrigue to the stage where invasion finds his intended victims unprepared. Not only are Greece and Yugoslavia fully mobilised, but a powerful British army is already on Balkan soil. Hitler may achieve his early successes, but the completion of the task may well try him beyond his worst expectations.



BULL AT THE GATE

Our Sheltered Lives

Yesterday the children spent fourteen hours in their air raid shelter—a deep dug-out in the bank where the primroses come up each year, fitted with wooden bunks. Poor brats, it's demoralising for them. Five o'clock has become the peak period of our day.

Evening and the day's work is over. Relax. Draw the curtains. Stoke up the fire. Pass the buttered toast. No, no. That belongs to yesterday. To-day, hark! There's Moaning Minnie earlier than usual. Has everyone remembered that black-out time gets earlier each day, too? Get the children into the shelter. Mind the light when you open the door. Got your torches? rubber boots? woollen siren suits over pyjamas? snoods? tell them we'll have tea in the dug-out for a treat if there's any methylated spirit left for the stove. Over you go. How are we to make their sheltered lives endurable?

All day I've worked to make the dug-out "homey." Books. A picture or two. A little rug. A portable radio. I call Violet to see the improvements but Violet, who's been depressed because her Christmas mail was late, sniffs and says it's just another room to keep tidy, isn't it, and younger daughter, while approving the emergency supplies of candy and biscuits—upon which they make an immediate assault directly the anti-aircraft guns start firing—says, "Won't it be lovely when we can go upstairs to bed?"

All this week the guns have been affecting me strangely. Find it impossible to say certain words. Violet is no help whatever and only stares helplessly when I ask her to put the "you know what" on for tea. Am quite able to get out words like "spout" and "lid" but am obliged to draw picture of kettle before she jumps to it. The patient attention of my family only makes me worse, and the tradespeople think I'm playing some new kind of game. "Wouff, wouff," goes our little pet gun down the road which sounds as though it is hidden in the winter jasmine outside the drawing-room window, and I hear myself asking the butcher for two pounds of er... little red and white things. Butcher stares. Violet stares, mouth open. Try again. Little er... red, moist things, you know, cut-lets! Whoops! Burr! goes our big gun, pride of the neighbourhood, echoing over the hills like a summer storm and I find it impossible to either say or pantomime the word "custard". Violet stands and gazes at me, head on one side. Can only cry, bleakly that it's thick, yellow stuff... pour from a jug... eat with apple pie... We give up and have our pie without custard and

it isn't until hours later when I'm in my bath that I am able to cry out triumphantly "custard!"

In the early days of the Blitz the frequent alerts affected me in odd ways, too. I'd begin frantically to pick up matches, empty ash-trays, re-arrange furniture, put cushions straight while anxious faces would peer from the doorway of the dug-out and fingers beckon wildly. When one incendiary bomb came down a

By Phillida Hughes

mile away, and sent the roofs of workmen's cottages flying, I was to be seen running upstairs rag in hand to clean the bath. But that has passed, and now when the Blitz begins, and the man of the house has got into his Home Guard uniform and slipped out into the dark, we join the children in the shelter and have sing-songs. We're all uncomfortable and would rather be back in the house and take a chance but it isn't fair to the children to keep them in the dug-out if we're not there ourselves. The children blink through the smoke. A burly Canadian soldier passes and puts his head round the door. Violet, wearing her tin hat rather fetchingly on the back of her head, goes backwards and forwards to the house through the din and the barrage and the falling shrapnel to fetch hot cocoa. The Canadian leans against the wall which is still damp (far more dangerous inside the dug-out than outside says Violet who is rheumatism-conscious) and sings the songs of the last war which his father taught him before he came over. We make merry.

Crack! There's a noise like an express train coming towards us and then the sound of falling coals. A Molotov Breddbasket. Incendiary bombs! We run out into the garden and that and the roadway beyond are dazzling with green and orange light. The children's faces appear at the dug-out door. May they help? We have them back. We bang hard at the fire bombs which glow fiercer and brighter as we bang them. There is a firework display all over the garden. Two perfect strangers come in to help and silently tac-

kle the cabbage bed, and their work done, they slip away, spades over their shoulders waving aside our thanks. Violet and I feel elated at having put out nine bombs between us and then we think of our own house and rush upstairs to find a top floor room burning furiously.

Now it's come and we aren't doing anything, nothing that the patient Government has been telling us to do for months. Violet and I bump into each other in the dark for all the electric lights have fused and the telephone has gone too. We have nothing ready (so silly, because, of course, they won't come here) no candles or matches handy, the batteries have all run down in the torches, where are the gas masks? and this is the first night we didn't fill the bath, just in case.

We go out into the din, because by this time hell is let loose overhead, and cry fire! fire! until an elderly neighbour appears and hurries down the steps and up the stairs and is soon tackling the fire with soda water syphons because Violet and I are incapable of finding jugs or even knowing where they are kept. By this time a diminutive lady air-raid Warden has arrived with the Auxiliary Fire Fighting Service at her heels. "Go to it, lads," she cries and they plunge into the smoke. Have you a ladder? get us some flour then. The fire fighters look about eight feet tall in their Gary Cooper boots and faces gray with smoke. I keep running out through the barrage to see if the children are alright. They are. Oh, God! they are.

When I come back the fire is out and the lady Warden has dashed away to the next. The tallest fire fighter, who turns out to be a middle-aged business man, says he only got off the business train at 7.45 and was in his uniform by eight o'clock and that he has spoilt his best suit by falling flat in our garden as a high explosive whistled overhead and he gets no allowance for clothes, not even for his tin hat which he had to buy himself. I raise my eyebrows and click my tongue sympathetically because it's still too noisy to talk and amidst the smell of charred wood, and the mess of water and flour and the thick gray powder the bombs give out we offer them our last drop of gin which they refuse. So we make coffee and sit on the stairs drinking it and laughing like mad because our home is safe.

I tiptoe over to the dug-out. "Mind the light," says my elder daughter kindly. The younger child turns a page of her book, looks up and smiles, and returns to her book.

I go over again. They are fast asleep.

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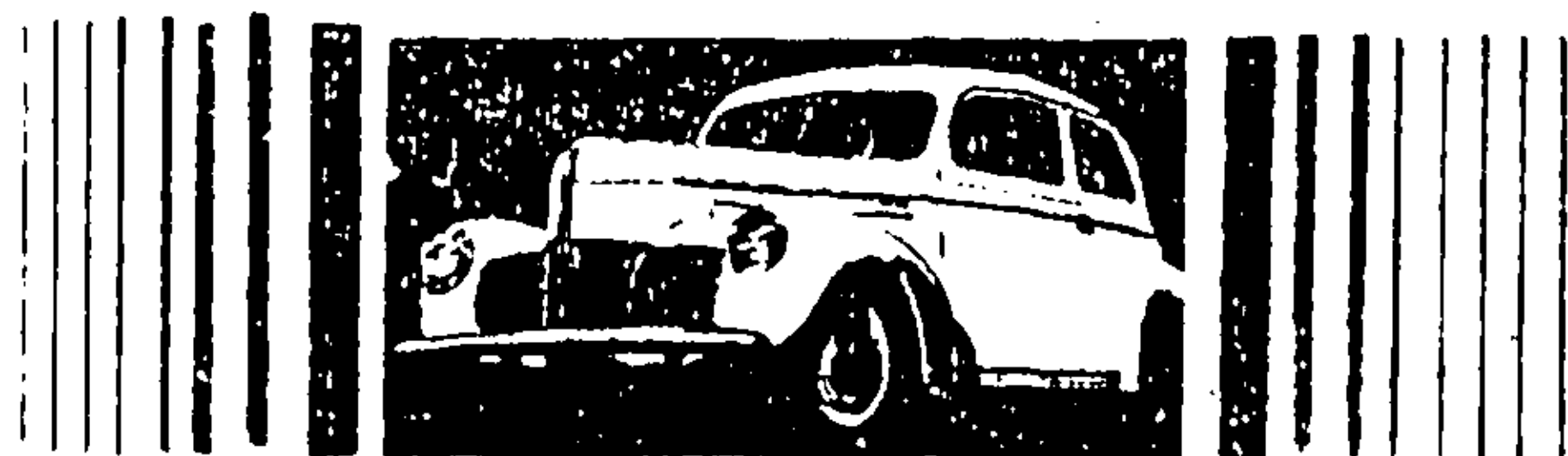
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MAINTENANCE COMMAND'S VITAL WORK

(By Wing Commander L. V. Fraser)

THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT by Lord Beaverbrook that vast reserves of fighters and bombers are being held all over England in secret storehouses ready for imminent operations, draws attention towards the work of a little known, but vitally important part of the R.A.F.'s organisation. This is the Maintenance Command.

The Maintenance Command stands ready to provide all equipment from a nut to new aircraft ready to take the air in Britain's increasing offensive. The following is the inside story of the department of the R.A.F.

The Maintenance Command is the universal provider for operational stations at home and abroad. Thousands of men and women, masters of almost every trade, are working at full speed to keep aircraft in the air, or should they be brought to the ground in un-serviceable condition, to restore them to service with the minimum of delay.

One group deals with general equipment, such as barrack stores and clothing; another deals with complete aircraft. A third and fourth are concerned with ammunition, fuel and oil, and salvage and repair operations, respectively.

The repair depots are great workshops, dealing immediately with every repairable piece of R.A.F. equipment. Engines, honourably scarred on service, are brought to these workshops. Sometimes masses of dirty greasy metal are brought in which are hard to recognise; within a few hours this metal takes on a new appearance.

Parts Re-Conditioned

Various parts are re-conditioned and faulty parts replaced, and as trolleys carry the engines round the workshop, they once more begin to take their accustomed shapes. In other workshops, instruments damaged in service are similarly re-conditioned. They too, whatever their condition when brought to the workshops, pass out perfect after the final inspection. Within the depots are foundries, where scrap metal is melted down and put into casting machines for re-making into machinery.

Salvage sections are constantly on the alert. Mobile units stand by for 24 hours a day, and should any aircraft, including enemy planes, crash they move off immediately. The crash is located, and the wrecks either repaired or reduced to scrap. Even if an aeroplane crashes on a mountainside, salvage crews will dismantle it and move the parts carefully to proper destinations. Not one ounce of metal is wasted.

The salvage parties climb up mountains where neither horse nor tractor could go. The parts of dismantled aircraft have to be carried by hand to a place where transportation can be obtained. During the bitter winter weather such parties worked through the night in bogs or on frozen earth, but never once left the job half-finished.

Commercial End

In a sense the Maintenance Command is the commercial side of the R.A.F. It operates in a large, closely-knit system, which will follow the smallest part of an aircraft, or a whole new squadron, from the time it is ordered, to the time it is delivered, keeping a close check on every move.

Throughout the country there exist depots, stocked with every conceivable item. Three-quarters of a million different stores are classed by name, and any one can be obtained by sending a ten word message.

The greatest civilian business houses have been combed for technical or executive skill, to deal with the vast wholesale and retail distribution the command undertakes. Great stores are investigated for quick deliveries, and mail order systems of industrial combines examined for points. The value of decentralisation and efficient serving of the world's commercial carrier systems are looked into and when modified meet a greater business combination than even these civilian services handled.

Stocks, hundreds of millions of pounds in value, are stored, ship-

ped, checked and listed. A gigantic fleet of cars and lorries is constantly on the move all over Britain delivering supplies. Hundreds of thousands of tons of equipment and ammunition are handled by this road transport, which covers a million and a quarter miles a month. The total effort is equivalent to moving 70,000,000 tons of material around the earth in a year.

Ammunition Depot

In ammunition depots unending rows of heavy high explosives stand, giving an indication of the blow being struck at Germany.

One equipment depot alone averages nearly 50,000 postings of stock each month, and among the civilian staff working with the service is a strange assortment of people. Every unit is bound up with every other. If one cannot supply a certain part immediately, it is known which one can and in a few seconds orders can be sent to it.

Little is known of the vitally important task the Maintenance Command performs in carrying on its shoulders the business end of the R.A.F. It is operated by a keen, powerful body of men, all its heads being experts in their own sphere. The R.A.F. is never in doubt of the service behind it. Expansion of the force is increasing rapidly, but its needs have been foreseen and anticipated requirements can be steadily met.

SOVIET EYED ASKANCE

The Japanese Army organ, the "Kokumin Shimbun" suspects the existence of a Soviet-United States agreement and warns Japan to be wary of future Soviet-United States moves, commenting on the Soviet-Yugoslav pact.

The paper adds that the Japanese should not allow themselves "the least bit of optimism" on future relations with Russia and United States.

The "Asahi Shimbun" says that under the name of a peaceful neutral policy, Russia has gained a political advantage in the Balkans, and adds that German-Russian relations must be watched carefully, but there is no immediate danger of their rupture. —Reuter.

PREYED ON YOUNG BOYS

Chan Chi-hop, 26, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for stealing jerseys from young boys at Seven and Sixpenny Hill and in Kennedy Road on March 27.

It was alleged that accused was responsible for four different cases of a similar nature.

PACIFISTS CAUSE A STRIKE

Wardens and first aid men walked out of Edgware Road Tube Station in London when they learned that stretcher-bearers attached to the shelter first aid post were pacifists.

These men members of the Pacifist Service Union, offered themselves for any suitable service, and were appointed to their job by the Marylebone Medical Officer of Health. Eight of them took it in turns to do duty at the Tube shelter.

Dressed in brown dungarees and wearing armbands with the initials "P.S.U.," they had been at Edgware Road Station for a fortnight before the shelter wardens realised they were pacifists. Some one had put up a card on the place they occupy: "Reserved for Pacifists."

"Are you pacifists?" asked a spokesman.

"Yes, definitely," was the reply.

"Well, we won't work here so long as you are on duty," said the warden—and the warden marched out. St. John Ambulance men took the same decision.

Rescued A Woman

The chief warden has now recommended that the pacifists should be withdrawn.

One of the stretcher-bearers told a reporter:—

"Members of our organisation have done all kinds of service in this borough and elsewhere. Personally I'd rather be doing rescue work."

"The other night we spent an hour getting a woman out of the basement of a building hit by a bomb. A gas main had burst. Three of us had to be carried to a first-aid post for treatment but we got the woman out."

The chief warden said:—
"I am afraid our fellows acted a little hastily by walking out. But they are back on duty to-night."

"The pacifist volunteers are no longer here. We are making other arrangements to replace them."

MOSCOW ATTITUDE

"Encouraging," was the comment of Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, on the Russo-Yugoslav Pact yesterday.

He also commented at his press conference on the increasing number of nations becoming acutely aware of the world nature of the movement for conquest of peoples by force.

This is the second recent favourable comment on Russia's attitude by a high State Department official, the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Sumner Welles, having a few days ago applauded Russia's declaration of neutrality if Turkey were attacked. —Reuter.

ORCHIDS STOLEN FROM GARDEN

Sentence of 12 strokes was imposed on a 14-year-old boy by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., in the Juvenile Court, this morning, for stealing 22 orchids from the garden of No. 53, Conduit Road yesterday.

The lad was seen cutting the orchids, valued at \$25, from the garden of Mr. S. M. Churn, at about 12.30 p.m. yesterday. Sgt. Goldie prosecuted.

GERMAN CONCENTRATIONS AT SOFIA BOMBED BY THE R.A.F.

Swift Response To Belgrade Raid

GERMAN THRUST AT BELLES

Parachutists and propaganda leaflets were dropped in Macedonia on Sunday, stated the official Greek spokesman in Athens last night.

A number of parachutists, he said, had been captured.

Leaflets dropped by Nazi pilots professed German friendship for the Greek people, "whom they wished to preserve from the horrors of war."

The Greek spokesman added: "The main German thrust is at Belles and along the Struma Valley, but all along the frontier, from Belles, their divisions, stabbed us in the back while our army was confronting another aggressor."

"Using every modern mechanical weapon of war, however, they did not effect a passage."

Greeks Counter-Attack

"The Greek soldiers on the German front withstood heavy artillery fire, destroyed oncoming tanks and counter-attacked."

"The Greeks brought down six German planes without suffering any losses in planes themselves."

"In Albania, the Duce's army was inactive, evidently expecting to gather the fruit of other people's labours."

Violent Attacks

A Greek High Command communique, quoted by Athens radio last night, states that the German attack continues with the same violence and is being resisted by small Greek forces.

The evacuation of western Thrace is proceeding in a regular manner.

On the Albanian front a strong offensive by the Greeks resulted in the capture of 500 prisoners.—Reuter.

STRUMA VALLEY FIGHTING

The strong resistance encountered by the Germans, especially in the Struma Valley, was emphasised by Moscow radio in a broadcast for home consumption yesterday.

Commenting upon the military situation created by the German attacks on Yugoslavia and Greece, the Moscow announcer in the main confined himself to giving briefly the Greek, British and German communiques, but also emphasised the strong resistance the Germans were encountering.—Reuter.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY announced in Cairo last night that German military concentrations at Sofia and motor transport in the Struma Valley were heavily bombed on Sunday night.

The R.A.F. quickly replied to the German air attack on Belgrade by bombing the German military concentrations at Sofia, says the Middle East communique.

The station and marshalling yards, a railway junction, warehouses, motor transport and a large factory were heavily bombed.

There were many explosions and one very large fire and several smaller ones. In one case trucks were seen to be hurled into the air.

After carrying out their bombing attack the aircraft dived and machine-gunned the objectives and motor transport on roads in the Struma Valley. Considerable damage was caused.

All aircraft engaged in the raid returned safely to base.

Government Moves

The Yugoslav Government, with General Simovitch, has gone to Branice and Catak, 60 miles south of Belgrade, claims the German radio, quoting as authority the Sofia correspondent of an Italian newspaper.—Reuter.

SNATCHER CAUGHT

In Portland Street, near Prince Edward Road, yesterday, Health Inspector E. Fowler saw a snatching incident, and managed to arrest the snatcher after a long chase.

Before Mr. H. C. Macnamara,

Debra Marcos Captured

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Italian defence of the town continued for seven days, during which the Italians lost 250 dead and 800 wounded.

Guns, machine-guns, automobiles and ammunition stocks were captured in considerable quantities.

The Italians, who are now retreating towards the Blue Nile, are being closely pursued by the British.—Reuter.

at Kowloon this morning. Yu Kai-yin, 18, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.



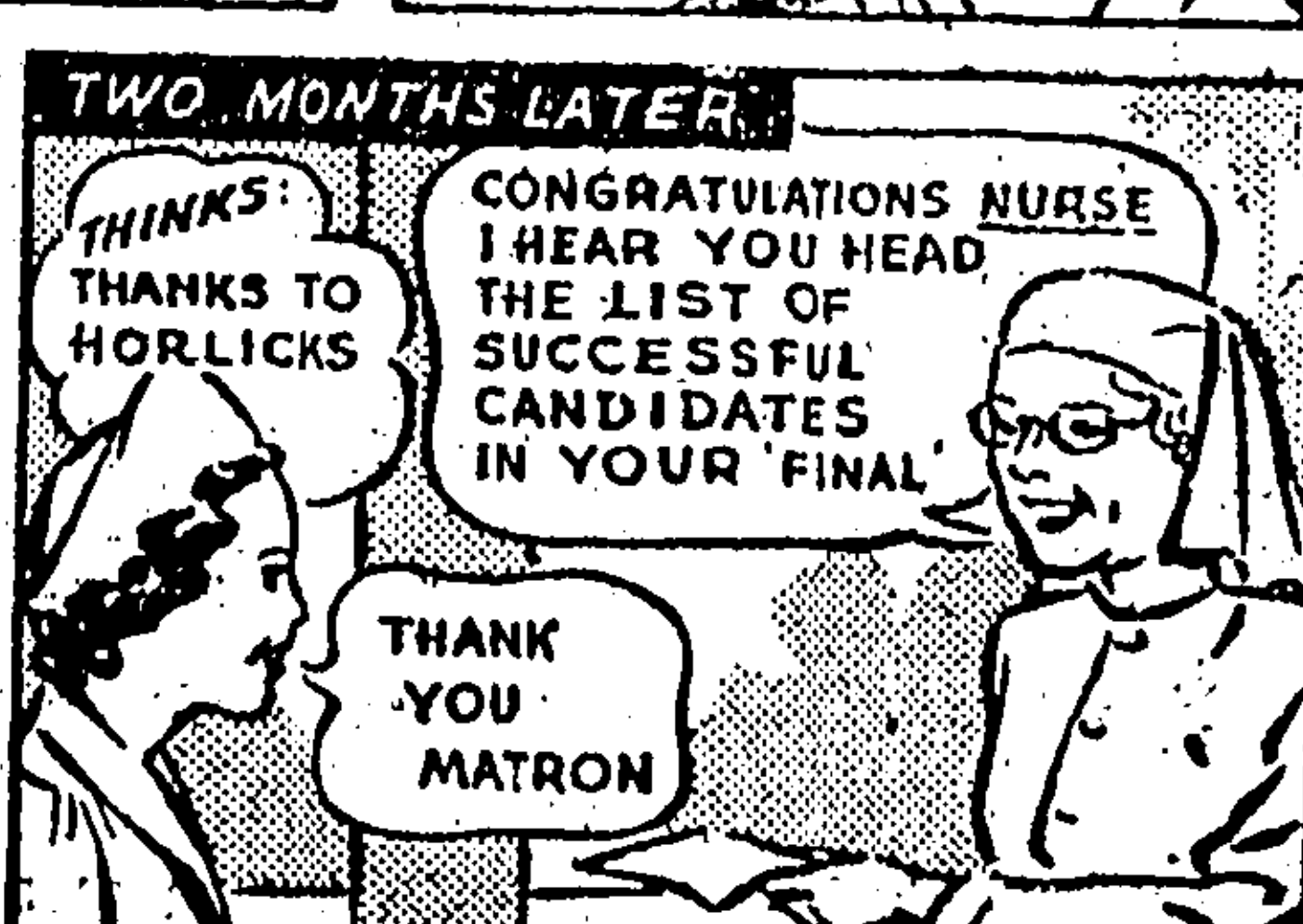
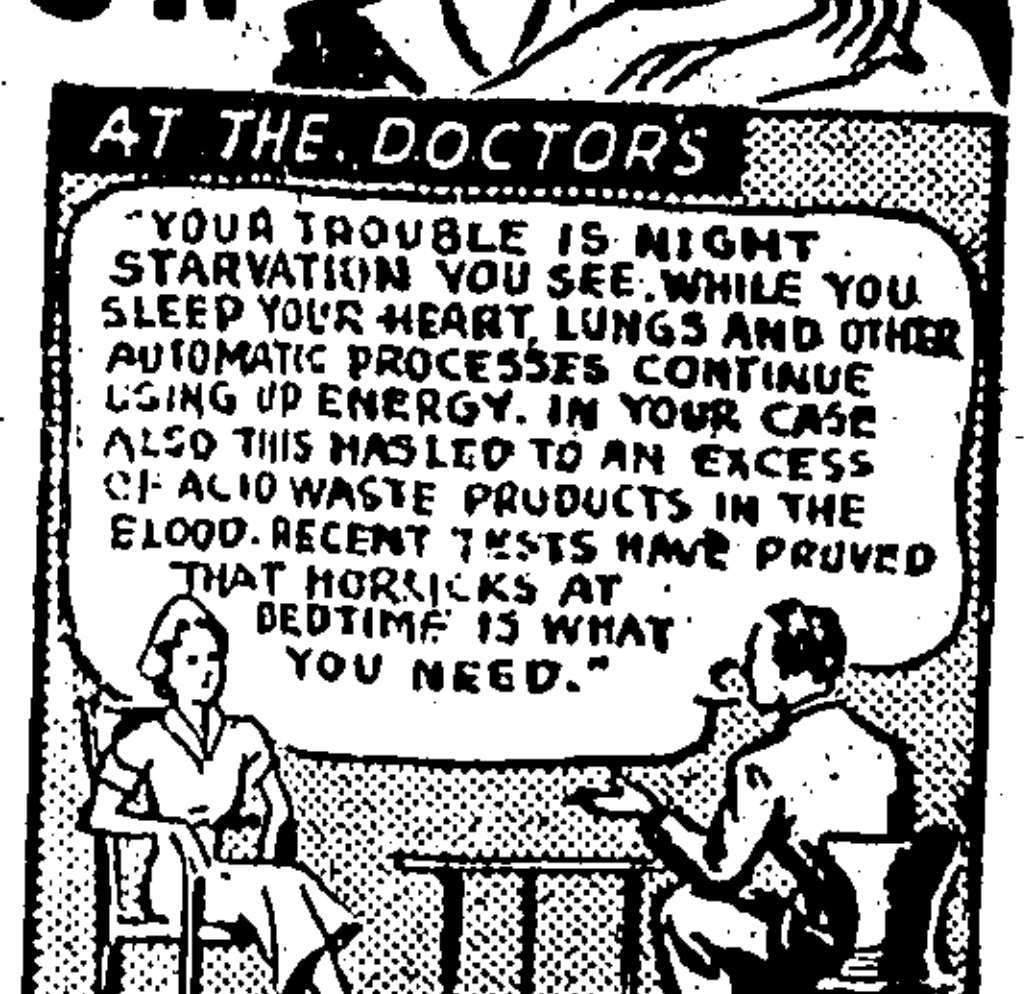
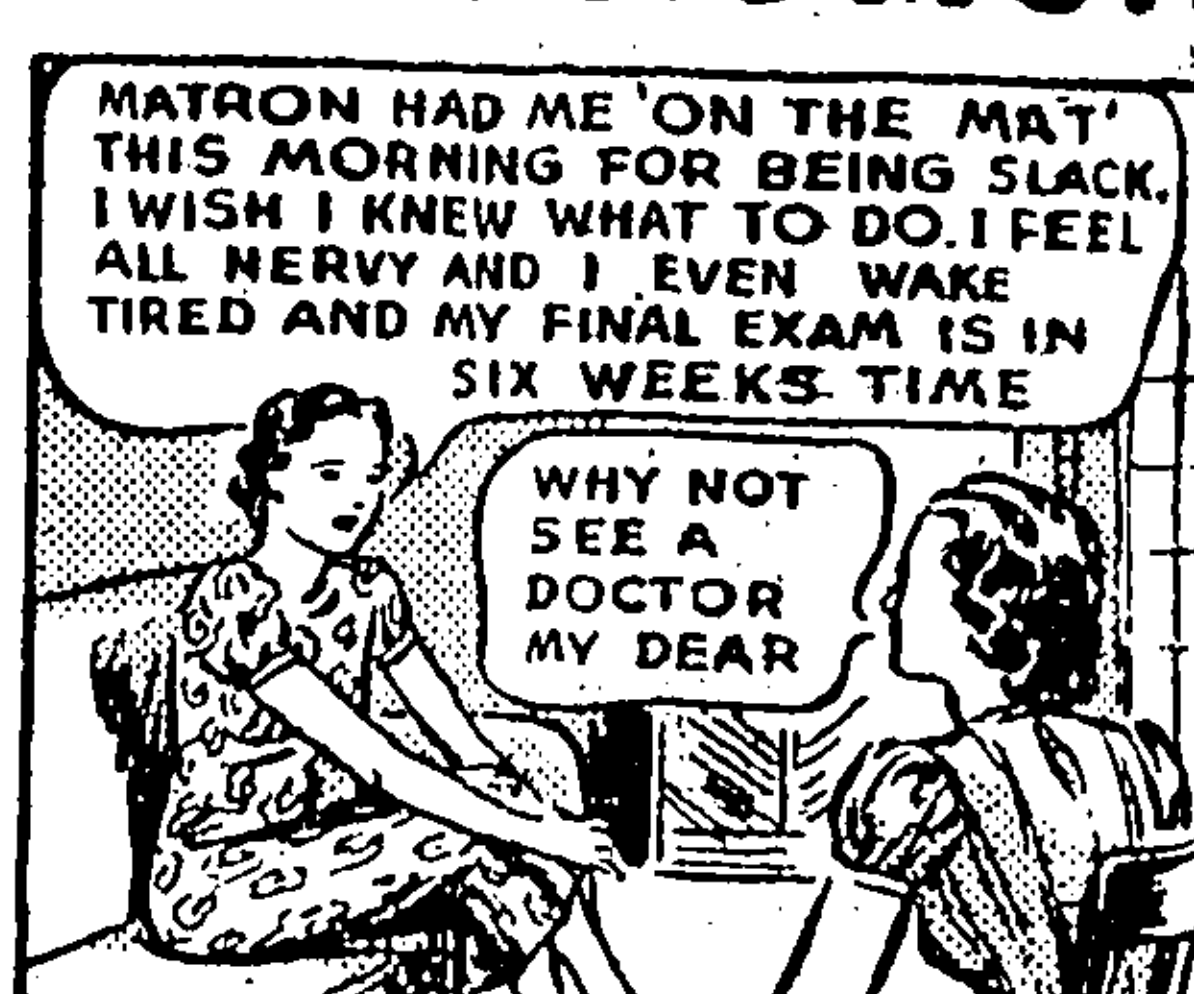
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Hong Kong, 7th April, 1941.

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The First Bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m.

The fifth interval will be after the fourth race on both days.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 9.45 a.m. on both days.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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Helping A Miracle Along
By The Four Aces

Every player occasionally finds himself in a pickle from which only a miracle can extricate him. Our teammate, Oswald Jacoby, found such a hand the other day, and managed to help the miracle along:

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
North-South 80 part-score

♠ 2
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A J 10 9 5
♣ A K 9

♠ 9 7 4
♥ K J 6 3 2
♦ Q 6 2
♣ 6 4

West
♠ J 5
♥ —
♦ K 8 7 4 3
♣ Q 10 8 7

♠ A K Q 10 8 6 3
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ J 5
♣ Mr. Jacoby

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♣ Pass 2♠ Pass
3NT Pass 6♠ Pass

West led the three of hearts, dummy played low, and East ruffed much to Mr. Jacoby's disappointment. East returned the spade Jack, and our teammate was in the lead, wondering what play to make for his twelfth trick.

West could be squeezed if he held, in addition to the hearts, both diamond honours or both the missing club honours. But there would be no squeeze if East held an honour in each minor suit; for East could save whatever dummy saved, and West could concentrate on saving the hearts. Mr. Jacoby therefore was dependent on a minor miracle to make his contract, but decided to give the miracle a helping hand.

After drawing three rounds of trumps, he led to the club King and returned the Jack of diamonds. East squirmed a bit, and finally put up her diamond King. South ruffing. There was no excuse for East's play, for surely Mr. Jacoby would have taken the normal diamond finesse if he held the diamond Queen. But East's blunder brought about the miracle.

Declarer ran the rest of the trumps, saving in dummy the club Ace, diamond Ace-ten, and a heart. West saved two diamonds and two hearts, but then a club lead ruined his hand—he had to surrender a diamond trick to the dummy or a heart trick to South.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ A Q J 10 9 8
♥ —
♦ A 10 5 4
♣ 7 6 4

The bidding:
Jacoby You Schenken Maier
1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 2♠
4♥ 4♠ 5♥ 5♠
6♥ (?)

ANSWER: Bid six spades. You can't tell whether or not the opponents can make the Slam in hearts, but you can't afford to guess about vulnerable Slams when you can take out insurance at the cost of a one-trick or two-trick set. This hand was actually played, and the spade Slam—although intended as a sacrifice—was made because of a perfect fit.

Score 100% for six spades, 40% for pass, 20% for double.

Question No. 685

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 10 5 3
♥ 7 2
♦ Q J 4
♣ A K 9

The bidding:
You Schenken Jacoby Maier
1♠ Pass 2♥ 2♠
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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MAKE WAY FOR THE DUCHESS

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

"Make way for the Duchess" is the slogan which British refugees from Nazi-occupied countries, tired and worn, and often penniless, have adopted to describe the efforts of the British Repatriation Office to get them home.

The band of Englishwomen volunteers who assist at the office in one neutral country appear to be putting their own society and titled friends from Riviera villas first on the passenger lists.

Ordinary Mr. and Mrs. Refugee, who may be anxious to get back to a job in Britain, make no complaint about that. But they do complain that the inability of the "Duchesses" to know their own minds for two minutes at a time is unfair to them, for they are kept waiting while the "Duchess" decides whether she'll take the cabin offered her or whether she will return to England at all.

Meanwhile, awaiting her decision, less influential refugees are kept dancing uncertainly between offices, passport bureaux and shipping agencies.

Red Tape—And Strings

If at the last moment the "Duchess" decides she can travel without hot water in her cabin, the less privileged ones have to stand aside.

"Come back again, there may be room for you in the next boat," they are told. When they come back they are treated with scant courtesy.

One white-haired little woman, who had just got out of France, was told by one of these women helpers: "What do you want to return to England for? Old people like you are no use in England, anyway."

"Perhaps not," she replied, "but I nursed the menfolk of my generation through the last war, and since my two sons were killed at Dunkirk, I'd like to get back where I have friends."

In fairness, it should be said that this woman did get back to England immediately. But the red tape system with strings on it is continuing.



The trouble with running into a shoe sale is that a girl is tempted to overstock.

COURT MARTIAL OF D.S.O. CAPTAIN

The trial of Captain Fane Andrew James Macfarlane, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.C.M., aged sixty-seven, of the London Scottish, by general court-martial ended at Mytchett, near Aldershot. He was found not guilty on six charges of causing by negligence a loss to public funds of sums totalling £180.

Findings of the Court on six other charges of fraudulently misapplying this money to his own use will be made known later.

Evidence was given by the Aldershot Command psychologist, Major E. A. Bennett, that Macfarlane was suffering from a trouble which affected his efficiency and his mind.

The defending officer asked the Court to remember that they were dealing with a mentally sick man.

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Vitamin B Complex

The two articles I have written about Vitamin A and Vitamin B, respectively, have been so gratefully received by readers that I have been urged to write one on Vitamin B Complex, the energy vitamin of which we are hearing so much this year.

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The Vitamin B complex is so new that the layman has not been generally informed about its factors. But we do know that yeast, liver, wheat germ, whole grains, tomatoes and other vegetables,



Any lunch hour will find the Zurich Room of a famous New York beauty salon filled with beauties eating "health" luncheon, scientifically planned. Sufficient vitamins from important foods is the secret.

furnish a goodly amount of Vitamin B complex. You see this is why one should eat breads made of whole grains, wild rice instead of polished rice, and the skins of

our vegetables and fruits in most instances. When one grows anemic, one's skin scales and pales, hair grows dull, energy lags.

In Choosing Food

In selecting your vegetables and fruits at the market you should insist upon those which have been sun ripened. Vegetables need the sun for full growth, just as do we and there is a chemical benefit from the sun on plants and on the body which has not as yet been fully explored. Sun is very necessary, get it whenever you can. Refuse vegetables that have been picked young and ripened after they have been packed—that is if you want to get the most health and beauty for your money.

Those of you who pick at food and have so many food dislikes are doing yourself an injustice and no one else—not even the cook or mother. We need a well-balanced diet as I repeat and repeat. We need plenty of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables, we need whole grains, honey, some meats (especially liver), some fish, all the dairy foods. None of these need be prepared in fancy manner—in fact the more you eat simply cooked or raw the better will be your beauty!

ed). Hold the book in position without bending your knees the slightest. That calls for a good stretching and to make it the first time you should sit erectly, grow tall from the waist, raise your arms overhead and swing them forward to touch the book. Do this several times.

Your next exercise is a bit more difficult and take it easy at first. Hold the book between your feet without the aid of your hands and carry it up in the air and over in a semi-somersault. (See Stretch 2). Once you master this last one with ease you are well on the road to figure agility and beauty!

Benefits of exercises: Your spine and neck muscles are stretched; your abdomen is trained in and up, your bust muscles are firmed, your thigh and hip measurements are streamlined a bit every time you make that semi-somersault!

Make Refashioning Fun

Don't sit and groan about your figure condition or wish you had money enough to have it refashioned by massage. Simply resolve to have fun each day as you exercise so you will not mind spending from fifteen minutes to a half hour limbering and remodeling.

You do not need to have a specific programme even. Once you have limbered your body so it doesn't feel as if it would break in two when you pick up something from the floor, you can pretty well add almost any movement to your routine and benefit by it. Movement is life, sufficient body movement will bring beauty to it.

A group of women wrote me that they have formed a "Tea-Time Exercise Class," and are having great fun. Instead of meeting for bridge, or gossip, or eating between meal snacks, these neighbours meet to exercise. They push the furniture in corners and go to it with the aid of radio music and they write they are feeling fine and their figures are improving. The interesting part is, each of them has a specific figure flaw but they have dis-

covered to their surprise that the same exercises are helping all of them! It is a good idea for other groups of women.

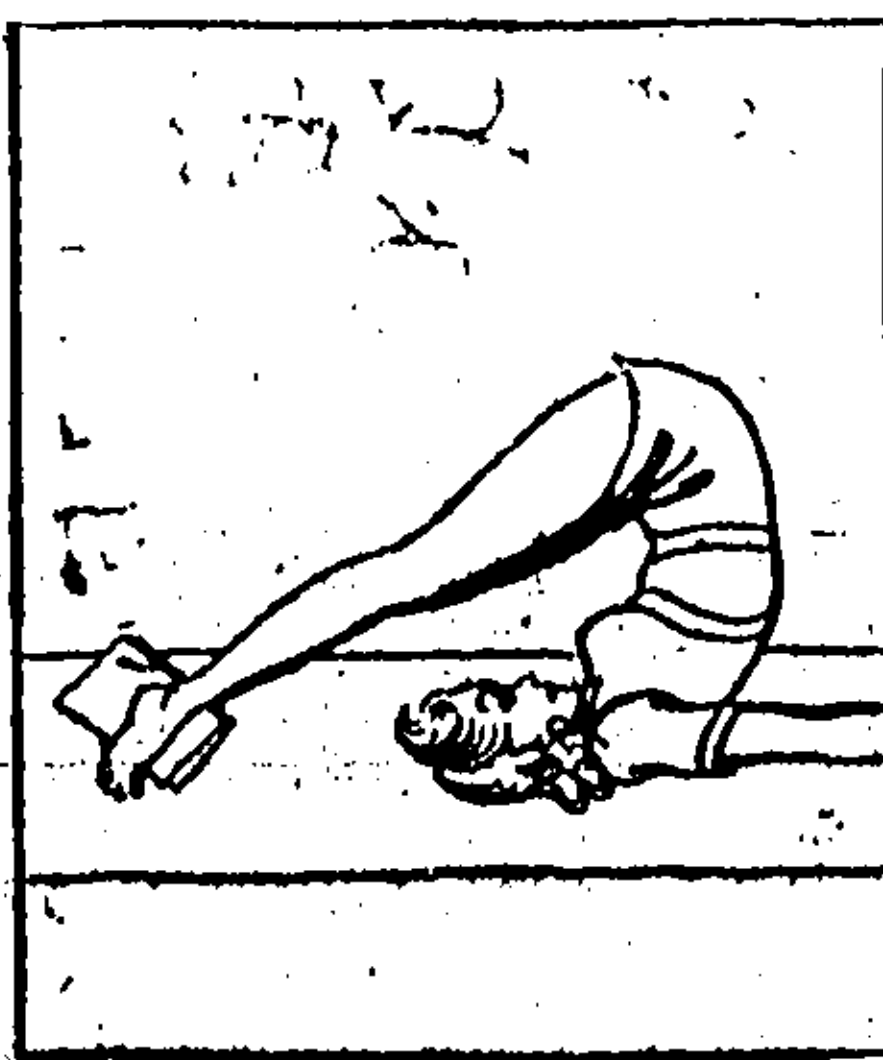
Play With A Book

Time and again, I have told women through this column, that it is the stretching that counts in exercising. If you stretch your muscles and keep them elastic you will have little difficulty in standing and walking and dancing in correct posture. If you hold yourself in good posture your figure will benefit—it will grow prettier and the flesh will distribute itself normally. If you stretch through exercising faithfully and watch your diet excess pounds will gradually disappear. What weight remains should be firm and pleasing in contour.

What Counts

Instead of sitting down reading a book to-day and munching on sweets, use the book to exercise and have a little fun.

Place it between your feet after your legs have been stretched out on the floor (Stretch 1 illustrated



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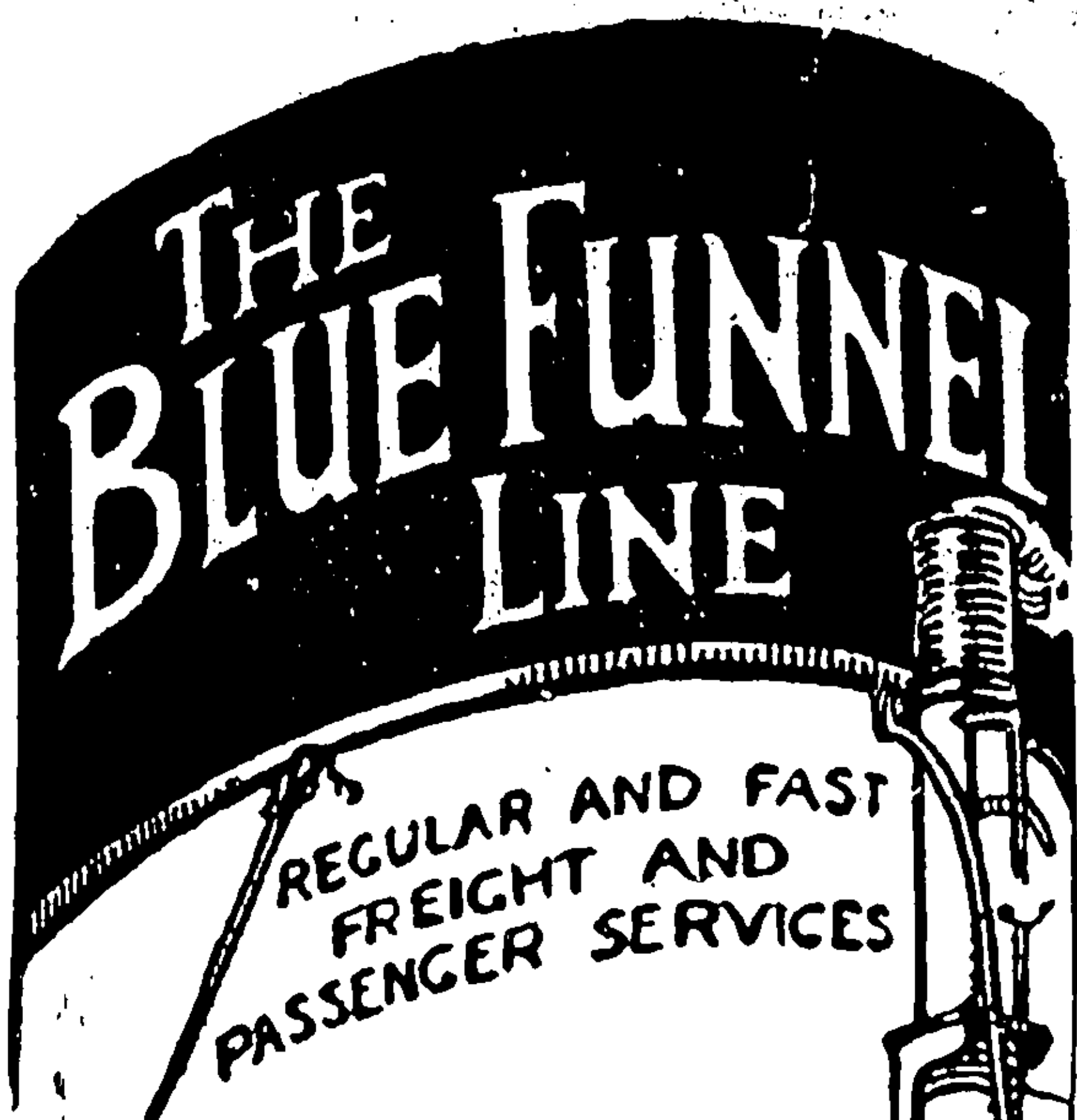
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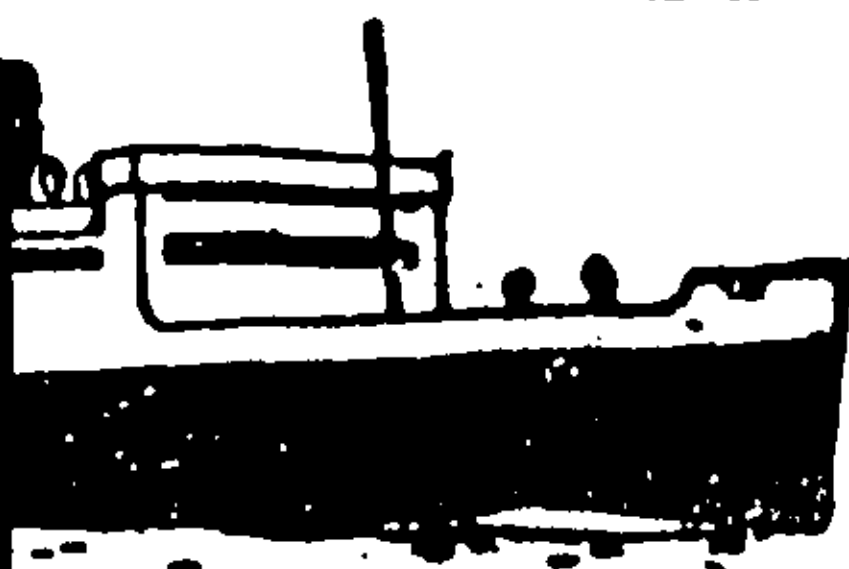
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SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Canton 5.30 p.m.

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RADIO

6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons and The Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

Fox-Trots—Blossoms on Broadway (from the film, I Still Love To Kiss You Goodnight (film '52nd Street'); Waltz—Where Are The Songs we Sung (from 'Operette'); Fox-Trots—A Foggy Day (film 'Damsel in Distress'); A Nice Work If You Can Get It (film 'Damsel in Distress'); Slow It (film 'Damsel in Distress'); Fox-Trot—Will Love Find a Way; Fox-Trot—A Little Bit Independent; Fox-Trots—Page Miss Glory (from the film, Sweet Dreams Sweetheart).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Britain Speaks'.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo.

1. Saxo Rhapsody (Eric Coates).

2. The Duchess Valse Caprice (R. H. Duke Rehl).

8.20 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Suite Orientale (Poppy).

Amoretentanza—Waltz (Gung).

8.34 p.m.—Tunes of Not-So-Long-Ago.

Cinema Organ Selection—Intro. After the Ball, Forget-me-not, Swanee, Daisy, Abadaba Honey-moon, Cor Steyn, Frankie and Johnnie.

Frank Crumit (Tenor) with Piano, Guitar and Clarinet. Silent Film Memories—Felix Kept on Walking.

The Sheik of Araby: My Blue Heaven Joe Loss and His Band.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley—Intro. Charmaine, Sally, Diane, Sleepy Time Girl, Chloe, Margie, Charlie Kunz (Piano) Old Favourites.

Intro: Running wild; I ain't nobody's darling; Beautiful faces; Second Hand Rose; It ain't gonna rain no more; Fonso; What'll I Do; Our Little Garden Subbub; Ukulele Lady; Who tied the can on the old dog's tail; Norah Blancy and Gwen Farrar (Vocal Duets) with Piano Musical Comedy Memories—Intro: Who; Lady be Good; Desert Song; Look for the Silver Lining; Rose Marie; London Palladium Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.

9.30 p.m.—Compositions of Schumann.

Papillons, Op. 2 Alfred Cortot (Piano); The Lotus Flower; Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Carnival—Ballet Music; London Ballet Orchestra; The Two Grenadiers; Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra; Traumerel; Massed Orchestra of Cellos.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

10.15 p.m.—Gounod's 'Faust' Acts IV & V. Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Marguerite; Miriam Licette (Soprano); Mephistopheles Robert Easton (Bass); Siebel Doris Vane (Soprano); Valentine Harold Williams (Baritone); Faust Heddle Nash (Tenor); with The B.C. Choir and Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

CRIPPLE BEATS U-BOAT

A crippled British cargo boat, steaming at only two knots in the Atlantic, fought a powerful U-boat with her one gun — and won.

"The submarine was left helpless on the surface, with clouds of smoke and fumes pouring from her.

The ship was the Sarastone, of Llandelly, in command of Captain John Herbert. She was in an Atlantic convoy when boiler trouble reduced her speed to two knots.

The convoy went on. Captain Herbert decided to make for Lisbon.

Two days later the Sarastone's men saw the U-boat surfacing three miles away.

Smashed Heavy Gun

Captain Herbert held the fire of his twelve-pounder gun.

The Sarastone was going so slowly that the U-boat apparently thought she was stopped, and approached from astern.

When the Germans were two miles off they opened fire with a light gun and missed.

The Sarastone's twelve-pounder replied, but the shell fell short.

The British seamen saw the Germans bring the U-boat's heavy gun to bear on their ship.

At that moment the Sarastone's gunner fired a second time. This shell burst under the submarine's heavy gun and put it out of action.

Second Hit

This reduced the fight to a duel between light guns. And the Sarastone's 12-pounder scored a second hit. A shell crashed aft on the submarine.

The Sarastone's delighted crew saw clouds of smoke and yellow fumes coming from the U-boat which, however, continued to fire the light gun and a pom-pom.

The action went on until the Sarastone's gunners, having loosed off twenty-seven rounds, realised that the submarine had stopped.

Undamaged by the enemy's fire, the crippled Sarastone steamed on. The submarine lay astern, even more crippled.

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Miles had been climbing the Buttress on his own. It is presumed that he slipped.

Joyce blushed, looked at her engagement ring, and said: "I can't stay long."

The pilot put in a dozen rivets and said he hoped he would not have to fly that plane.

Diving out of the clouds, an enemy plane machine-gunned a crowded express train from London, which had slowed down near an East Anglian railway station. No one was hurt.

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The schoolmaster was taken to hospital, where his wound was found not to be serious, and Harold was taken to the police station.

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VARIED PROGRAMME OF ARMY SPORTING EVENTS

Hockey, Rugby And Boxing Finals This Week

Army To Meet Police In Charity Soccer Game

By "Squaddy"

THE FINAL of the Inter-Unit team boxing competition will take place at Murray Barracks to-morrow night between Royal Scots and Middlesex.

Royal Artillery, who were previously drawn against Royal Scots, have withdrawn from the competition owing to the lack of numbers as a full team is 15 men. The General Officer Commanding, Major-General A.E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., is attending the boxing and will most probably present the prizes at the conclusion of the competition.

The weighing in for this event will take place at Murray Barracks to-morrow morning and the teams will then be made known.

HOCKEY

THE Army Six-A-Side hockey tournament will commence to-morrow at Sookunpoo with the preliminary and First Rounds; the second rounds will be played on Thursday at Sookunpoo.

The following is the draw for to-morrow's games:-

2 p.m. Royal Signals v. 2/14 Punjab Regt. "A"; 2.20 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. "A" v. R.A.O.C.; 2.40 p.m. H.K.S.R.A. "B" v. 2/14 Punjab Regt. "B"; 3 p.m. H.K.S.R.A. v. Middlesex Regt. "A"; 3.20 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. "B" v. R.A.S.C.; 4 p.m. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. "C" v. C.M. Hospital; 4.40 p.m. R.A.F. v. R.A.M.C.; 4.40 p.m. Middlesex Regt. "B" v. R.E. "A".

5th A.A. Regt. R.A. and Middlesex both have strong teams and I think that one of these should pull off this competition.

FOOTBALL

THE football season is nearly finished and Middlesex and Royal Scots have one more match each to play in the Senior Division.

Royal Engineers have won the Second Division with the R.A.S.C. runners' up, and in the Third Division Royal Air Force and Royal Signals have to play off for the title before the Champions v. the Rest game at Caroline Hill. This game should be worth watching with both sides keen to secure the honours.

The Army team were unlucky last Saturday not to win the Kote-wall Cup.

The game, between South China and the Army, had to result in a

win for the Army for them to secure the trophy. They were leading until the last minute of the match when the Chinese drew level.

They were in no way disgraced by the result and put up to expectations. The Army may have one more game before the close of the season, and then against Hong Kong Police in aid of Charity. The date will be notified later.

It is notified for information that the prices for admission to football grounds, controlled by the Football Association, will, for Service personnel only be 60 cents, to all covered stands and 40 cents to uncovered stands. This does not apply to the Army ground at Sookunpoo where the prices will remain the same.

ROYAL Army Service Corps, who are favoured to win the Junior Shield on Saturday against South China, have been in strict training and have been working out some new moves for the match which they will not disclose to anyone.

ATHLETICS

TO-MORROW, Middlesex Regiment will meet Hong Kong University at Shamshuipo in a field and track athletic meeting.

This is to enable them to select their team for the Command Athletic Meeting which takes place on April 22, 23 and 24.

Middlesex Regt. have also been asked to produce a team to compete against the Chinese at Caroline Hill on Sunday, May 4.

WAR CUP SEMI-FINALS

The draw for the semi-finals of the War Cup to be played on Saturday is—Preston v. Sheffield United or Newcastle.

Tottenham Hotspurs or Arsenal v. Leicester.

The matches will be played on the ground of the first named club unless a mutual arrangement is made.

The final will be played on May 10.—Reuter.

COMMAND SPORTING EVENTS FOR WEEK

TO-DAY
RUGBY—Army Seven-a-Side Tournament (First Round): (Sookunpoo, at 3.00 p.m.).

TO-MORROW
BOXING—Inter-Unit Team Boxing competition (Final): Middlesex v. Royal Scots (Murray Barracks, at 8.30 p.m.).

HOCKEY—Six-a-Side Hockey Tournament (Preliminary and First Round): 2.00 p.m., Royal Signals v. 2/14th Punjab Regt. "A"; 2.20 p.m., 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. "A" v. R.A.O.C.; 2.40 p.m., H.K.S.R.A. "B" v. 2/14th Punjab Regt. "B"; 3.00 p.m., H.K.S.R.A. "A" v. Middlesex "A"; 3.20 p.m., 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. "A" v. R.A.S.C.; 3.40 p.m., 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. "C" v. Combined Military Hos.; 4.00 p.m., R.E. "B" v. R.E. "C"; 4.20 p.m., R.A.F. v. R.A.M.C.; 4.40 p.m., Middlesex Regt. "B" v. R.E. "A".

SATURDAY
RUGBY—Seven-a-Side (Finals): (Sookunpoo, at 3.00 p.m.).
FOOTBALL—Senior and Junior Shield Finals: Senior Shield—South China v. Royal Navy (Causeway Bay, at 4.30 p.m.); Junior Shield—South China v. R.A.S.C. (Causeway Bay, at 3.00 p.m.).

MR. PETER WEI UNSEATED

A rather unusual accident occurred this morning at the Valley in which Mr. Peter Wei was involved.

He took out Mr. Cires Stewards' Cup winner, Starlight, which has been entered for the first section of the Callopo Handicap to be run on Saturday, for its morning exercise.

On reaching the seven furlongs post, the pony was seen to stumble as a result of which Mr. Wei was unseated. He fell clear of the pony, however, and was not injured. He got got up, remounted, and completed the exercise, evidently none the worse for his experience.

EXHIBITION SOCCER

The following have been selected to represent the Rest against South China, Champions of the First Division of the Football League, at Caroline Hill on Monday next at 4 p.m.

Bankier (Royal Scots); Roughley (Navy); Blackburn (Police); Freshwater (Middlesex); Hsu King-shing (Eastern); Thomas (Middlesex); Fowler Club; Fung King-cheon (Sing Tao); Hendy (Navy); Barber (Navy); Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—Lapsley and Maxwell (Kowloon); Fraser (Royal Scots); Bright (Middlesex); Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); Lee Page (Navy); Howlett and Ferrier (Police) and Rietsen (Club).

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:—
AT KOWLOON C.C.

Junior Singles
N. Smith v. T. S. Young (7.45 p.m.).

Junior Doubles
C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (8.15 p.m.).

Senior Doubles
M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low (8.45 p.m.); H. C. Eardley and N. Smith v. P. Wong and C. Au (9.30 p.m.).

A JUDGE OF HORSEFLESH

I have given Mr. Charles S. Howard \$5.35 and asked him to please buy me a horse, writes Henry McEmore from Los Angeles. If he agrees to do it, my future is guaranteed. A horse that Howard buys, particularly a bargain one, is a better way to wealth than a rich aunt "with a heart flutter or a doting uncle with a counterfeit machine."

Basing my figures on what his own bargain basement steeds have brought in the way of prize money, Mr. Howard's \$5.35 purchase should enable me to buy that little vine-covered trailer I've always wanted, and to make a bid for the world's free-style a-settin's and a-rockin' championship.

For \$5.35, Mr. Howard is almost a certainty to get me a nag that will win a stake or two. Look at what his bought-for-a song creatures have done. Seabiscuit, who was bought for \$7,500 or thereabouts, made so much all he needed was a paying teller and an iron grill to become a First National Bank. Kayak II, a marked-down job, could easily start a loan society of his stall with thousand dollar bills and he's only three years old.

Money Making Horse.

Porter's Cap was picked up at the Saratoga sales by Mr. Howard for \$1,300. Porter's Cap is making money faster than a show-off engraver at the mint, his latest haul being the \$50,000 Santa Anita derby. He's a greedy little cuss, too. He wants it all, and already is entered in a batch of later rich stakes, including the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap, the Kentucky Derby, and the Belmont. By his victory in the Derby Porter's Cap became the first eligible for the Pimlico Special at Baltimore.

Stagehand is the only horse ever to win Santa Anita's two most prized stakes—the Derby and the Handicap—but he may be joined by Porter's Cap before long. He won the Derby like a good one. He had speed enough to stay up with the early leaders after the break and when he made his run he ran over horses getting to the front. And he finished the mile and an eighth full of run and sound as two dollars. He can go on any kind of track, too. He likes a fast one and loves a slow one.

Can't Be Just Luck

Eventually, racing folk are going to quit referring to "Howard luck." It cannot be luck for the simple reason there isn't that much in the world. But what is it? What is the secret power that enables the pleasant automobile tycoon to look at a horse and know that he has the makings of a champion? There must be thousands of persons who actually know more about conformation and blood lines than Howard does, but they go on dealing with platers while he saddles the winners.

The Time Is Coming

There's a time coming, though, when he is going to need luck. He is going to need it to dodge the rocks his rival owners are going to throw at him when they finally can't stand the sight of him standing in the winner's circle with a silver cup or plate in his hand. Either this is going to happen, or some track is going to make itself popular with the other owners by running a rich race for all horses except Howard-owned ones.

I wonder what kind of a horse Mr. Howard'll get me for \$5.35? I'm hankering for a chestnut colt with blue eyes and a blazed face. But I'll settle for anything he

CHAMPIONS EXTENDED

H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn, holders of the Open Doubles Tennis Title, received their first real opposition this season when they were extended by A. V. Remedios and G. Choa in the current Open Doubles Tennis Competition, yesterday on the stand court of H.K.C.C. and won by 6-3, 5-7 and 6-2.

In the first set Choa and Remedios were unsteady but improved greatly in the second set. Choa played a good game and featured his play with hard drive and good placing. Remedios made several errors. His volleying was at times brilliant but his overhead work was weak.

In the first set the champion won easily but in the second set the losers improved considerably and were leading at one stage by 4 games to 1. The Rumjahns won the next four games in a row to lead by 5-4.

Choa and Remedios won the next game on the latter's service. They won the next two games though deuce was called several times in both games.

In the last set Rumjahns won the first two games but Choa and Remedios were only being led by 3-2 at one time.

The Rumjahns, however, reeled off the next three games in succession.

TENNIS RESULTS

OPEN DOUBLES

H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn beat Choa and A. V. Remedios 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

T. J. Gould beat T. C. Monaghan 6-1, 0-6, 6-1.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Burwell beat F. W. Carter and E. T. Thursday 7-5, 6-4.

CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

M. Pagh beat H. J. Armstrong 6-2, 7-5.

TENNIS OFF

The Hong Kong Cricket Club courts being unfit for play, the Stand Court Colony tennis match arranged for this afternoon, has been postponed.

C.S.C.C. CRICKET XI

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. in a Junior Cricket League match against Police on Saturday.

H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, V. C. Bond, P. D. Crawley, C. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, Mitchell, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

GOLF RESULTS

Results of the Captain's Cup of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club held during the week-end were: Old Course, J. Linaker 88-15-73 (21 entries); New Course, R. Wood 87-16-71 (19 entries).

BOWLS MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association will be held at the Bath Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., to-day at 5.30 p.m.

chobes to spend my money for He could buy me a goat and the chances are it would be a stake winner before the year is out.—United Press

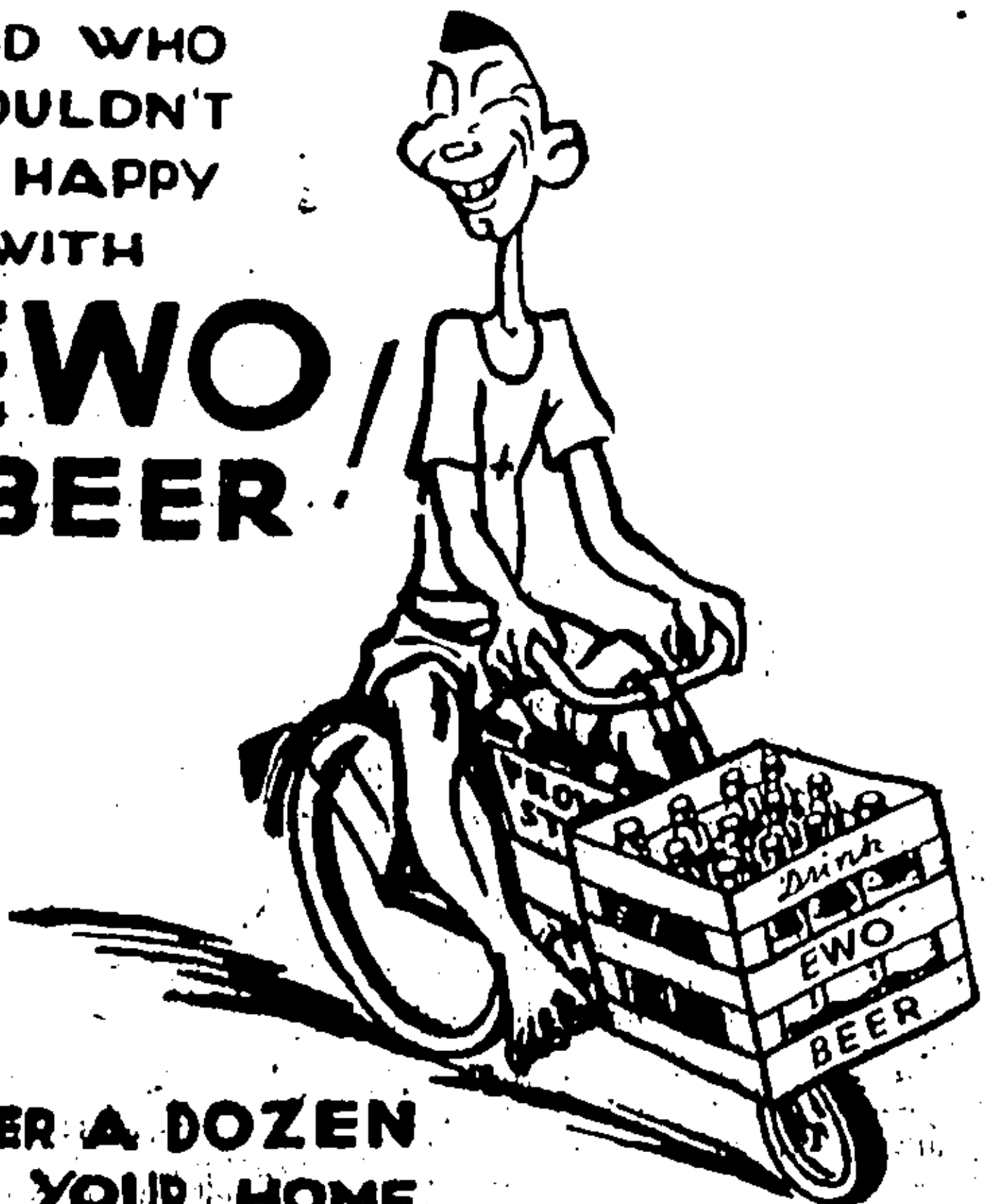
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Many of the best layouts near London are scarred and pitted by bombs. You have to play out of bomb craters, too—no lifting.

Of eight major British sports, only soccer and racing cling to any semblance of their pre-war glory, and a comparison of current gate receipts with those for the Winter of 1938-39 for soccer and racing shows that total attendance is off between 65 and 70 per cent.

Participation in sports has fallen off nearly as much despite the widespread athletic programmes of the fighting services. Golf, tennis, rugby, cricket, track, rowing—all big amateur participant sports of the pre-war days—are at their lowest levels since 1917-18.

Bombers Are Blamed

Sport bigwigs name bombers and national service as the main reasons.

"A man doesn't have time or the inclination to play eighteen holes of golf or run cross-country any more," said Geoffrey Sharpe, president of the Blackheath Harriers, London sports club. "Not after he's worked eight hours at his office and then done six or eight hours as a fire fighter or an air raid warden."

The comparative expense of golf clubs, tennis racquets and other things also limits the number of participants. Jack Hobbs, once Britain's premier cricketer, declares he has not sold any large orders of cricket equipment for months.

Expense also is a factor in the decline in spectator sports, which likewise suffer from demands for national service. With prices rising well ahead of wages, the average man can't fork out \$2 for a prizefight seat or 75 cents for the

entrance fee to a race course without feeling it.

Here's a quick outline of what is happening to the major sports:

Racing

Racing dwindled last Summer but reopened again late in September. Despite charges that it diverts money from the war effort and places a strain on transport, it has been going on since. There is never more than one meeting, however, and since the Blitz began, the tracks near London have been quiet.

Steeplechasing is in high favour at present, but the bookies report betting light. The Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree, however, will not be run this year—for the first time since its inception 104 years ago.

As in 1940, Britain will run a substitute Derby, the Oaks, the Two Thousand Guineas and the St. Leger. The nominations for these are surprisingly high, considering the circumstances. There are 65 for the Derby, 54 for the Oaks, 53 for the Two Thousand Guineas and 81 for the St. Leger.

Three top owners of the British turf, Miss Dorothy Paget, Fred Darling and J. V. Rank, all have entries for the Derby, but many owners have sold their horses to Irish stables or are racing in Ireland. For the first time in eleven years the Aga Khan's name is missing from the list of owners of Derby nominees.

Soccer

On Saturday, Jan. 25, for instance there were thirty-four professional soccer games in Britain,

THURSDAY'S BADMINTON POSTPONED

Hong Kong Badminton Association announced this morning that the entire programme of matches in the Ladies' Doubles event of the current Colony badminton championships, fixed for Thursday, has been postponed.

with a total attendance of 48,150. This was less than a third of the average pre-war attendance for the same number of games. Many of the top stars have joined the fighting services. There has been a long tournament between teams of Norwegian, Dutch, Belgian, French, Czech and British soldiers.

Boxing

The fight game is coming back slowly through the medium of matinee shows and unoccupied theatres. These have been drawing well with such ancients as Kid Berg and Larry Gaines in the leading ranks. Tommy Farr periodically challenges every heavyweight in the world, but asks more than harried promoters can offer.

Len Harvey and Eric Boon, Britain's top big and little fighters, have not yet been lured into indoor rings, but they're weakening.

Rugby

This sport, greatly encouraged in the army, is flourishing there and in the public schools. Oddly, it also is a favourite sport of the Royal Navy, whose destroyer crews dash from deck to field for an afternoon of sport. As in the army, officers play with the men and admit "we get tossed around a good bit."

Golf

There was no amateur or open last Summer and there is no prospect for either this year. Small tournaments sponsored by local aeroplane funds and charities bring out most of the stars. Henry Cotton performs periodically for the Red Cross.

Tennis

Wimbledon's inner court has been scarred by bombs and there has been almost no big-time tennis in the other important clubs. Bunny Austin was in the R.A.F. when last heard of. Most of the women stars are in various types of war work.

As in golf, there is little prospect for much tennis activity until the war is over. Even country house tennis, the foundation of the game in Britain, is dying because of the expense and lack of time.

Track

Sidney Wooderson, the swift solicitor, still gallops across country periodically, but there has been no big track meet in Britain since August, 1939. Wooderson now is in an army training centre.

Rowing

Outside of school and college races at Oxford and Cambridge, there is little rowing. There is slight prospect for renewal of the Oxford-Cambridge race this year even on an "informal" basis, according to the Oxford University Rowing Club, unless "things take a turn for the better."

FASTEST HUMAN TRAINED IN LETTUCE SHED

THE LEADING contenders in the dashes at the famous Millrose Games have been sorely handicapped by the weather, but no one expects slow times, for the top men are Harold Davis and Norwood Henry Ewell, writes a correspondent from New York.

Continuous rain forced Davis, the slight Salinas, Calif., Junior College sophomore, to train in a huge lettuce storage shed.

Pennsylvania State has no indoor track, so Barney Ewell, its remarkable Negro flyer, had to do the best he could on outdoor boards under unfavourable climatic conditions.

Davis, just turned 20, makes his eastern bow in his first important even indoors.

The boy spurred to renown in little more time than it takes him to travel 100 yards. He bagged the A.A.U. dashes at Fresno last summer, and is out to repeat victories over Ewell.

Feature Event

Davis' performances in the 60 and 300-yard runs will be watched as closely as the Wanamaker Mile, the feature event.

The latter brings out Walter Mehl, Missouri's John Muski, Leslie MacMittell and Chuck Fenske, who gave the Boston Garden its fastest mile in history.

Greg Rice of Notre Dame and Con Lash, the Indiana cop, will have it out in the two-mile. Fred Wolcott of Rice and Ed Dugger of Tufts hook up in the hurdles.

But the young sprinters will attract plenty of attention.

Ewell tackles the only two men who beat him—Davis outdoors and Herbert Thompson on boards.

If both reach the final three-man heat by way of talent-packed qualifying races, Ewell should edge Davis in the 60-yard dash.

Davis is a slow starter, although he has shown steady improvement, and Ewell gets away like a thunderbolt.

Ewell cracked a world record of 25 years a year ago, when he covered the little-run 50 yards in five seconds flat.

In the 100 and 200 metres at

the A.A.U. meet last summer Ewell held a substantial lead at the halfway mark only to lose out under the pressure of Davis' terrific finish.

The 10.3 and 20.4 were faster than the times with which Jesse Owens won the Berlin Olympics.

Ewell is a seasoned indoor campaigner, but Davis' sheer speed once he gets under way makes him the favourite in the 300-yard event, despite his lack of experience on boards.

The longer sprint has a real dark horse in Paul Cowie of LaSalle Military Institute.

Davis Gets Swifter

Davis was faster in every successive meet in 1940.

If he continues to improve, there is a chance he may approach his goal of bettering every one of Owens' sprint records.

Little more than a year ago, when he enrolled at Salinas Junior College to make up language credits needed for college entrance, he did almost everything wrong, although he had turned in some amazing times as a schoolboy.

His start and pick-up were particularly bad, and he flailed his arms, ran with his head down.

But Davis, who lives for running—he runs in his sleep—quickly smoothed out most of his faults.

His most pronounced remaining trouble is a slow start, but Charley Paddock didn't get off his marks in any great rush, and he did all right.

Coach Lloyd Winter credits Davis with doing the 100 in 9 seconds flat from a running start.

Davis has an unusually long stride—9 feet, 3 inches.

Regardless of how well he gets away in the Millrose Games, Harold Davis easily may be off to the greatest sprint season on record.

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RESERVE SUGGESTED ON BOMBING REPORTS

Reports of the bombing of towns in Bulgaria and Rumania by Yugoslav 'planes, emanate from Axis or Axis-controlled countries, it is pointed out in London.

In the absence of a n y confirmation from British press or Yugoslav sources, the reports should be received with the utmost reserve.—Reuter.

ITALIAN LOSSES

Well over 250,000 Italians have been taken prisoner, killed or wounded in Africa and Albania, according to an estimate issued in London yesterday.

The total is 233,000, including 140,000 prisoners in Libya, 20,000 in Eritrea and Abyssinia and 30,000 in Italian Somaliland.

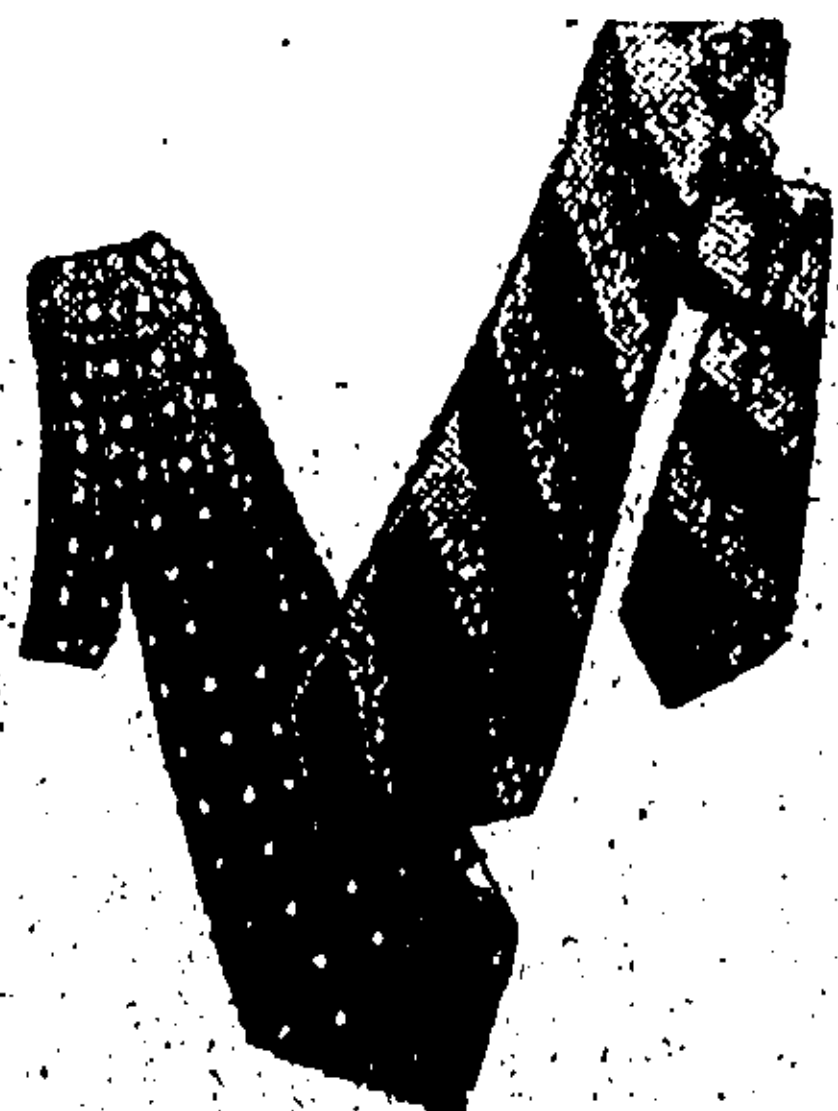
Total for Albania is 92,000 and includes 20,000 prisoners, 20,000 killed and 52,000 wounded.

British casualties in all African fighting up to Feb. 23 are estimated at 604 killed and 2,362 other losses.—Reuter.

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"Attempt To Reach Budapest"

YUGOSLAV AIR RAIDS ON A NUMBER OF TOWNS IN BULGARIA, HUNGARY AND RUMANIA WERE REPORTED FROM AXIS SOURCES LAST NIGHT.

Hungary claims to have shot down 10 Yugoslav 'planes in a series of raids which included Szegedin and what the Germans described as "an attempt to reach Budapest."

A Bulgarian air force communique announces raids on the "open towns of Sofia and Kustendil."

According to Bucharest despatches received in Rome, Yugoslav 'planes also raided at least three towns in western Rumania—Dorsova, Arad and Timisoara.

The Governments of Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania have, according to reports from Axis sources, protested to Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

Rumania Protests To Yugoslavia

It was confirmed in Bucharest yesterday that Rumania has protested to Yugoslavia against alleged attacks by Yugoslav aircraft on three Rumanian towns.

An official Rumanian communique announcing this step says: "Although the Rumanian Government has not committed Rumania in any way in hostilities with Yugoslavia, on whose territory Rumania has Rumanian nationals to defend, the Yugoslav air force bombed Rumanian territory on April 6 at Dorsova, Arad and Timisoara, killing three people and injuring three others and causing some damage."

"The Rumanian Government has addressed a formal protest to the Yugoslav Government."

"General Antonescu assures the population that all measures for maintaining security and order have been taken."

"Such grave and disloyal actions can in no way upset the conduct of the Rumanian Government. That, however, does not mean that anyone has liberty to harm the honour and rights of Rumania."—Reuter.

GREECE BREAKS OFF RELATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A B.B.C. BROADCAST WAS PICKED UP IN NEW YORK LAST NIGHT STATING THAT GREECE HAS SEVERED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY AND BULGARIA.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Italian Stefani agency claims that Italian 'planes scattered British motorised formations with heavy casualties, preventing a British attempt to reach the Yugoslav frontier via Albania.—International News Service.

INDIA'S TRADE PACT WITH BURMA

It was learned in New Delhi yesterday that the only immediate action India proposes to take under the new Indo-Burma trade agreement is to remove the 11% price preference which kerosene from Burma enjoys in India over foreign kerosene.—Reuter.

DR. BARDOSSY AND ITALY

The new Hungarian Prime Minister, Dr. Bardossy, has sent a telegram to Mussolini asking for his "precious support" in the task he has undertaken.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Forty-nine cases of cholera with 34 deaths occurred during last week, 28 coming from Victoria. Yesterday 6 fresh cases were notified to the Health Authorities.

The budget proposals form the chief topic of leaders in to-day's newspapers, both in London and the provinces, recognising the thoroughgoingness of the Chancellor's plan.

The bringing in of an extra two millions from the lower bracket of income taxpayers is stressed by all. The "Manchester Guardian" describes it as "Revolution in British Taxation."

A general welcome has been accorded the introduction of the principles of compulsory saving connected therewith.

The decision to omit from the Budget cost, goods received by Britain under the Lease and Lend Act, is particularly approved by the "Daily Telegraph," while the "Daily Mail," commenting on the higher income tax, says "There will be little or nothing left for pleasures or recreation, yet the Budget will be supported, to use the Chancellor's words, as a tangible evidence of our firm resolve to leave nothing undone to achieve victory."

"The Times" emphasising the great calls on wealthy people says: "At least this budget is an effective answer to the silly sneers about 'Plutocratic' countries with which the Dictators so tediously adorn their speeches."—Reuter.

SIR TEJ SAPRU SEES VICEROY

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, spokesman for the recent Bombay conference, held to solve the political deadlock, interviewed the Viceroy for two hours yesterday and placed before him a memorandum drawn by the standing committee of the conference.—Reuter.

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